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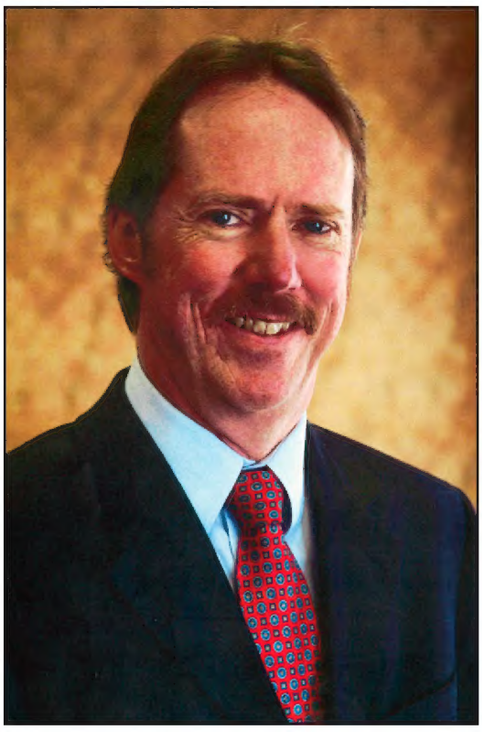
THE COVER

We thank Jamie Baker for his photograph of a Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*), on right in photo, accompanied by a Common Loon (*Gavia immer*); Hopkins County, 22 November 2018.

IN MEMORIAM: LEE K. McNEELY (1953-2019)



Kentucky's ornithological community lost one of its most dedicated and influential members, Lee K. McNeely, 21 January 2019. Lee had been active in the Kentucky Ornithological Society since the early 1970s. He held a variety of positions on the Board, serving as Recording Secretary 1985-1989, Vice-President 1990-1991, President 1992-1993, Bird Records Committee Secretary 1995–2006, and Treasurer 1994–2018. Lee's familiar smile greeted members at the registration table at the Society's biannual meetings for nearly three decades.

Lee founded the Northern Kentucky Bird Club as an affiliated chapter of the Society in 1989, and kept it going for nearly 30 years. He organized three Christmas Bird Counts, compiling the Burlington count 1975–2018 (conducting the first count with only his wife, Lynda, along), the Warsaw count 1987–2018, and the Falmouth count 1998–2018. He also conducted two Breeding Bird Survey routes for more than two decades.

Lee grew up in northern Kentucky, graduating high school with an interest in nature, and he received a degree in Biology from Georgetown College in 1975. After graduation he returned to Burlington and joined Peoples Deposit Bank. In 1990, Lee helped launch Heritage Bank in Burlington where he remained the rest of his career, retiring as Vice-President in 2016. Lee was also very active in the Burlington Baptist Church. Lee took and organized numerous birding trips to other places in the United States, as well as far beyond its borders. Besides birds, he also loved sports and actively played, refereed, and coached in many church and community softball and basketball leagues.

The Kentucky Ornithological Society would not be what it is today without Lee's support and dedication, and his contributions will always be appreciated, and his presence greatly missed.

THE FALL SEASON, AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2018

Ben Yandell

The overall average temperature for the season was near average: warmer by 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit (0.4 degrees Celsius). Continuing a pattern that began in May, August-October were all warmer than average, with August 4.8 degrees Fahrenheit (2.7 degrees Celsius) warmer. November was 5.1 degrees Fahrenheit (2.8 degrees Celsius) cooler than average. Every month had above-average precipitation, and total precipitation for the season was 67% above average. September's rainfall total was two-and-a-half times the average, and Louisville and Lexington set records for September. (Based on National Weather Service monthly averages in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Jackson compared to 1981-2010 averages and all-time records.)

Review species reported for the season were BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (including the state's first nesting record), CINNAMON TEAL (second fall record), KING RAIL, HUDSONIAN GODWIT, SABINE'S GULL, MEW GULL (third state record), PACIFIC LOON, BROWN PELICAN, SWAINSON'S HAWK (fourth state record), continuing BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH, ROCK WREN (third state record), and continuing HARRIS'S SPARROW. Other noteworthy reports include all three scoter species; the first report of Piping Plover since 2016; large numbers of Common Tern; unusually high numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatch beginning mid-September; a Clay-colored Sparrow; and several noteworthy early and late dates.

Unless stated otherwise, listing a report here does not mean the report has been accepted for inclusion in the official list of Kentucky birds. Decisions regarding the official Kentucky list are made by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee KBRC and are reported periodically in *The Kentucky Warbler*. The most recent KBRC decisions were reported in the November 2018 issue (Yandell 2018).

Details of most of the following reports were posted at the time on birdky and are available at eBird.org. August-November eBird reports covered 116 of Kentucky's 120 counties, and totaled 277 species, about 600 reporting observers, about 9400 reports, 119,400 lines of data, 3900 unduplicated attached photographs or audio files, and 892,000 individual birds reported (eliminating duplicate counts by groups and entries with an "x" instead of a number). 103 observers were listed in 20 or more reports. Observer and photographer names are not always clear in eBird, so the following summary may misidentify observers and roles.

Species order is based on AOS 2018. Comments about previous Kentucky bird records rely on the *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Kentucky* (Palmer-Ball 2019).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK – KBRC review required. All reports included. 2 at a roadside pond between Barlow and Wickliffe, *Ballard*, 1 August (ph SnC; accepted by KBRC). 2 still present n. of Simpsonville, *Shelby*, 17-18 August (JLu, PS, ph RB; accepted by KBRC). And for what may become the state's first confirmed nesting record for the species, an adult and 13 young were near New Concord, *Calloway*, 3 October (JLw, MLw, ph PHs) and through at least 29 October (WtG). Two adults had been reported in spring 2018 in *Calloway*.

Ross's Goose – 1 early, perhaps resident, at Basil Griffin Park, *Warren*, 20 August (ph RcS) and through October (m.ob.).

Greater White-fronted Goose – 60 were at Camp #9 on 4 October (ph JBa, CBz), early for group that large,. Peak count was 10,050 at Sauerheber on 21 November (CPl).

Tundra Swan – 174 at Sauerheber on 21 November (CPl), the state's third-highest count on record.

Black-bellied Whistling Duck, *Ballard,* 1 August 2018, Sean Clinning

CINNAMON TEAL – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at Camp #11, 6 September (wr BPB, vd ph CBz, MM, ph JBa).

Cinnamon Teal (lower), Blue-winged Teal (upper) *Union,* 6 September 2018, Jamie Baker

Surf Scoter – All reports included. 1 at Camp #9 on 24 October (BPB, wr ph JBa, CBz). 1 at Smithland Dam, *Livingston,* 11 November (wr ph JBa, CBz). 2-3 at Waitsboro RA, *Pulaski,* 14-16 November (wr ph RD, RB). 2 on the Ohio River in Louisville, 17 November (wr RMd, ph JnS). 1 at Bailey's Point, Barren River Lake, *Allen,* 18 November (ph JW, CBz).

White-winged Scoter – 1 at Lake Liberty, *Casey,* 16-26 November (DCo, ph CBz, m.ob.) was the only report.

Black Scoter – All reports included. 1 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin,* 3-5 November (wr ph JnS, JrS, JW, BPB, vd CBz, JSo, SnC). 1 at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell,* 12 November (wr RB). The Ohio River in Louisville, *Jefferson*, had 3 adult males on 13-14 November (StB, MgB, ph LMc, ph TB, CBe, m.ob.), 3 female/immature types on 14 November (ph BPB, MA), and 1 likely continuing adult male on 16-17 and 24-25 November (wr ph JW, m.ob.). 1 at Fagan Lake, *Marion,* 14 November (ph JSo). 1 at Lake Liberty, *Casey,* 17-26 November (DSv, LsC, ph RD, m.ob.). 1 at Mill Creek Lake, *Monroe,* 18 November (ph RcS). 1 adult male at Kissey Branch, *Estill,* 27-28 November (ph ChL, ph JnA).

Red-necked Grebe – Three locations; all singles; all within a four-day period. Ohio River at Louisville, *Jefferson,* 14 November (wr MA). Waitsboro RA, *Pulaski,* 15 November (ph RD). Lake Liberty, *Casey,* 16-17 November (wr DCo, ph CBz, wr DSv, LsC).

Eared Grebe – 1 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin,* 25 October (wr JnS). 1 at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell,* 17-18 November (LyB, wr ph CBz, TrN); 2 there 24 and 30 November (wr RD, wr RB).

Chimney Swift – High counts include 1750 in Lexington, 8 September (wr CKAS/ASK, TnB, JdL, JsH, m.ob.) and 1000 in Paducah, *McCracken*, 5 October (wr MHy). Late singles at Douglass Hills,

Piping Plover – *Carlisle*, 12 August 2018, Michael Callan

Jefferson, 29 October (ph MY, BY) and at Jacobson Park, Lexington, *Fayette*, 30 October (DPt).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1 late adult male at Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 21-22 November (ph. RCo).

KING RAIL – KBRC review required. 1 at the Sauerheber Unit, 20 October (wr JBa, wr CBz, TG, TrN, JW, BvC, DoS, MA, NBr).

Virginia Rail – All reports included; all singles. Near Guthrie, *Todd,* 10 September (wr au JoH). Lake Barkley, *Trigg,* 18 September (WtG). A possibly injured bird in Berea, *Madison,* 9 October (ph ChL). At the Sauerheber Unit, 25 October (CBz, DL, JSo).

Common Gallinule – 1 heard at Adkins Swamp, Sinclair Unit, *Muhlenberg,* 3 August (wr RB, JBe). 1 at Lake Cumberland, *Russell,* 6 October (ph RB).

American Avocet – Several reports this season. 1 at the Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson*, 17 August (ph TB, RLa, m.ob.). 4 at Freeman Lake 18 August (JnS). 6 at Horseshoe Road, *Henderson*, 18-22 August (ph CC, m.ob.) and 1 there on 3 September (ph CC). 10 at Brown Generating Station, *Mercer*, 18 August (ph RD, RB). 3 along the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 4 September (ph DnR, AnL). 2 at Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 7 September (NhN). 1 at Crappie Hollow (Blood River), *Calloway,* 22-27 October (ph HC).

Common Gallinule – *Russell*, 6 October 2018
Ray Bontrager

American Avocet – *Henderson*, 19 August 2018, Jamie Baker

Hudsonian Godwits – *Henderson*, 20 August 2018, Charlie Crawford

Piping Plover – 1 n. of Laketon Boat Ramp, *Carlisle,* 12 August (wr ph MiC, TrN, JW, CBz) was the state's first since August 2016.

Upland Sandpiper – Singles at Horseshoe Road, *Henderson,* on 11, 16, and 19 August (TrN, MiC, ph CBz, ph JW, ph JBa, m.ob.).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT – Accepted by KBRC. 20 at Horseshoe Road, *Henderson,* 20 August (ph CC), a record high count.

White-rumped Sandpiper – 1 at Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, *Rowan*, 26 August (vd TrN); 1 at Camp #9 on 12 September ph CBz, JBa). 3 on 14 September (ph BWu); up to 11 there 17-25 September (m.ob.). 1 at Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 9 September (ph TQ). 4 at Camp #11 on 20 September (wr ph CBz, JBa).

Willet – 2 at the Falls of the Ohio on 15 August (wr JBa). 2 at Jonathan Creek Embayment, *Marshall*, Aug 23 (wr ph HC). 2 at Camp #9 on 31 August (ph BPB, MM).

Red-necked Phalarope – 1 at Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, *Rowan,* 8 September (ph RbC). 1 at Cave Run Lake, *Bath,* 18 September (wr JSo). 1 at Camp #11, 4 October (BPB, ph JBa, CBz).

SABINE'S GULL – KBRC review required. 1 at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell,* 11 September (wr ph RB).

Franklin's Gull – 1 at Green River Lake, *Adair*, on 2 November (ph RD) was farther east than is typical.

MEW GULL – KBRC review required. 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall,* 24 November (wr ph JW, ph CBz).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – Singles at Fishing Creek, Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski*, 12 September (RD) and Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln*, 9 November (JKe) were local firsts.

Glaucous Gull – 1 at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins,* 23 November (ph JP, ph ShA, JoH, TmD) was a local first and only the second record away from the major lakes and rivers. 1 at KY Dam, 24-25 November (ph CBz, ph JW, m.ob.).

Common Tern – The passage of Hurricane Florence was likely a factor in several noteworthy reports. A total of 137+ on Lake Cumberland, *Pulaski/Russell*, 17 September (wr ph RB, wr ph RD) set a new high count for fall. That same date had a report of 7 on Martins Fork Lake, *Harlan* (wr ph JBa, BPB, CBz). Groups of a dozen or more reported 23-28 September on lakes in *Allen*, *Barren*, and *Russell* (m.ob.). A total of 56 reported from two locations at Barren River Lake, *Allen/Barren*, 26 September (ph RcS, wr TD).

Red-throated Loon – 1 at Bailey's Point, Barren River Lake, *Allen,* 18-20 November (wr ph JW, ph CBz, ph RcS, RB). 1 at

Freeman Lake, *Hardin,* 21 November (wr ph JnS).

PACIFIC LOON – KBRC review required. Singles at Lake Cumberland, *Russell,* 17 November (wr ph RB, LyB) and Lake Peewee, *Hopkins,* 20-25 November (wr (RbR, vd ph CBz, m.ob.).

Common Loon – 60 on Freeman Lake 13 November (JnS) was a notable count. 2-3 loons landed on roads and were killed by vehicles mid-November, *Logan* (ST, FL).

American White Pelican – 1100 on Eddy Creek embayment, Lake Barkley, *Lyon*, 12 October (ph TmD, ph JoH). 60 over e. *Jefferson*, 26 September (MM); and 2 at the Falls of the Ohio 18 November (JSd); unusual that far east.

BROWN PELICAN – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins,* 11-12 August (wr DoS, HtS, ph JBa, ph m.ob.).

Little Blue Heron – 1 at Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery 1-18 September (ph TQ, RbC, m.ob.).

Great Egret – 620 at Horseshoe Road, 19 August (ph CBz, ph JBa, ph JW).

Snowy Egret – 1 spent early October at Melco Flood Retention Basin, Louisville; last reported fairly late, 17 October (BPB).

Black Vulture – Relative high count of 219 at Falls of the Ohio, 20 August (MiC).

Mississippi Kite – 30 at Ballard WMA, *Ballard*, 26 August (CBz, DSv, LsC).

Broad-winged Hawk – 200 at Owensboro, *Daviess*, 26 September (BNo) was the season's high count..

SWAINSON'S HAWK – Accepted by KBRC. 1 along the Mississippi River floodplain north of KY 1308, *Carlisle*, 1 September (wr BPB, MM).

Great Crested Flycatcher – 1 in *Larue*, 13 October (wr JnS, RMd); second latest date on record.

Eastern Kingbird – Notable count of 100 in w. *Hardin*, 3 August (JnS, JrS).

Eastern Wood-Pewee – Late singles at Beckley Creek Park, *Jefferson*, 29 October (ph PS) and in *Warren*, 29 October (ph RcS).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – Late 1 in Lexington, 6 October (wr MTw).

Willow Flycatcher – Record late date. 1 at Taylor Fork Ecological Area, *Madison*, 28 September (banded ph MkP). KBRC review pending.

Least Flycatcher – Early reports include 1 at Schochoh, *Logan*, 12 August (ST) and 1 at Anchorage Trail, *Jefferson*, 18 August (JW). Late 1 in *Metcalfe*, 7 October (ph RcS).

White-eyed Vireo – Late 1 at Berea, *Madison*, 30 October (ph RFs, wr RBa).

Bell's Vireo – 1 at Schochoch, *Logan*, 9 September was a rare migrant away from nesting areas (ST). 2 lingered at Camp #11 through 12 September (CBz, MM, BPB, m.ob.). Even later was 1 heard at the Ken Unit, Peabody WMA, *Ohio*, 23 September (wr CBz).

Blue-headed Vireo – Late 1 in *Muhlenberg*, 24 November (wr DoS).

Philadelphia Vireo – Notably early reports include singles in LBL, *Trigg*, 24 August (wr AnL) and in *Wayne*, 29 August (RB). Late 1 in *Hart*, 18 October (wr JSo). 8 at Anchorage Trail, *Jefferson*, 29 September (PB, JB) is one of the higher counts on record.

Blue Jay – 200 at Lexington Cemetery, 28 September (KyB) and 450 at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 6 October (RB) were the season's peak counts.

Purple Martin – An impressive estimate of 30,000 at Bowling Green, *Warren*, 27 August (wr ph RcS, TD, PS).

Tree Swallow – Reports of late birds include 2 at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins*, 20 November (wr CBz) and 2 at Sledd Creek, *Marshall*, 28 November (wr HC).

Bank Swallow – 1000 along the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 18 August (AnL) was the season's peak count.

Cliff Swallow – 500 along the Mississippi River, *Carlisle*, 18 August (AnL) was the season's peak count.

Barn Swallow – Late 1 at Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery, 28-30 October (wr ph TQ, m.ob.).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – *Jefferson*, 20 October 2018, Karen Bonsell

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH – Previously accepted by KBRC. Continuing reports at the London Ranger District Office, *Laurel,* 3 on 19 August (MlH, GlP) and 1-2 on 16 September (m.ob.). 1 reported from the KY Dam Airport Road location in *Marshall,* 6 October (HC).

ROCK WREN – Third state record. KBRC review required. 1 at the Sauerheber Unit, 23 October (ph CC).

Sedge Wren – 2 at Big Rivers WMA on 1 October was a local first (ph CC).

Veery – Early 1 at Ben Hawes Park, *Daviess*, 2 September (RbR). Late 1 heard at night in *Wayne*, 6 October (RB).

Gray-cheeked Thrush – Early 1 heard in *Wayne*, 2 September (RB); 3 heard there 5 September.

Wood Thrush – Late 1 at Berea, *Madison*, 28 October (wr RFs, RBa).

Clay-colored Sparrow – 1 n. of Stanford, *Lincoln,* 12 October (wr ph JkE).

Lark Sparrow – All reports included. 3 at McDonald Landing Road, *Henderson*, 5 August (wr RbR). 4 at the Louisville Landfill 6 August (ph SmF). 1 at Schochoh, *Logan*, 18 August (ST). 1 at Beckley Creek Park, *Jefferson*, 22 August (ph PS). 1 at Surrey Hills Farm, *Jefferson*, 23 August (ph BPB, m.ob.). 1 at Griggs Road, Morganfield, *Union*, 6 October (wr BvC, DoS).

White-throated Sparrow – Record early fall date; 1 at Anchorage Trail, *Jefferson*, 18 August (wr ph JW).

HARRIS'S SPARROW – KBRC review required. 1 at Schochoh Road, *Logan*, 18 November through end of season (vd ph ST, DT, m.ob.). 18 November ties the previous early date.

Dark-eyed Junco – For the fourth year, an adult male "Oregon" Junco visited a yard in Douglass Hills, Louisville, beginning 23 October and continuing sporadically through the season (wr ph BY, ph MY).

Yellow-breasted Chat – 1 in Bowling Green 3 October (VlB) was late.

Bobolink – 25 at Falling Springs Park, *Woodford*, 16 August (wr vd TrN).

Western Meadowlark – 3 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton,* 24 November (wr AnL).

Baltimore Oriole – 1 very late first-fall male at Schochoh Road, *Logan*, 28-29 November (ph ST).

Brewer's Blackbird – 600 in e. *Hopkins*, 27 November (RD) is a record high count for the state.

Leucistic Rusty Blackbird – *Fayette*, 23 November 2018, David Svetich

Ovenbird – Record late date. 1 at Hays Kennedy Park, Louisville, 23 November (wr ph JHd). KBRC review pending.

Northern Waterthrush – 1 along Goose Creek, *Clay*, 5 August (wr ph AsL) set a record early fall date.

Tennessee Warbler – 1 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, *Marshall*, 17 November (wr BvC, DoS) was very late.

Magnolia Warbler – 1 late at Green River Lake, *Adair*, 2 November (wr RD).

Wilson's Warbler – 1 early in Louisville 12 August (JB, PB). 1 photographed late at Catlessburg, *Boyd*, 24 October (RnV).

Dickcissel – Late reports include singles n. of Stanford, *Lincoln*, 26-29 October (JkE); at Shaker Village, *Mercer*, 28 October (ph NBr); and at Surrey Hills Farm, *Jefferson*, 3 November (ph BPB).

Northern Waterthrush – *Clay*, 5 August 2018
Austin Langdon

LOCATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (*Italics* indicate a county name.)

au = audio recording
Camp #9 = Camp #9 Coal Preparation Plant, *Union*
Camp #11 = former Camp #11 mine, *Union*
Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson*
Hickman, *Fulton*
Horseshoe Road, *Henderson*
KBRC = Kentucky Bird Records Committee
KY = Kentucky
KY Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*
LBL = Land Between the Lakes National RA, *Lyon/Trigg*
Lexington, *Fayette*
Louisville, *Jefferson*
m.ob. = multiple observers
Pfieffer Fish Hatchery, *Franklin*
ph = photograph
RA = Recreation Area
Sinclair Unit = Sinclair Unit, Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*
Sauerheber Unit = Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*
vd = video recording
WMA = Wildlife Management Area
wr = written documentation

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American Tree Sparrow – *Jefferson*, 25 November 2018, Pat Bell

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Sanderling – *Rowan*, 14 September 2018, Brian Wulker

Summary of eBird reports

New with this edition of the seasonal report is a table summarizing eBird reports by species and month. The most current data can be found online in eBird. Column headings are as follows:

Species Common name. **ALL CAPS** if the species requires KBRC review. Species name in **bold**, if reported on fewer than 20 lists.
#cos. Number of counties with a report of the species
earliest Date of the first report of the season; blank if the species is usually present before the season begins.
latest Date of the last report of the season; blank if the species is usually present after the season ends.
max Maximum count in a single report.
[month] Number of **reports** (not number of birds) that listed the species during the month, counting grouped reports only once. Comparing across the season's months may give a rough idea of arrival and departure patterns for species that migrate.
counties If species reported in five or fewer counties, lists the counties with a report. Counties listed from most to fewest number of reports.

Example of how to interpret the table

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	counties
Tennessee Warbler	65	22 Aug	17 Nov	30	11	333	224	6	

Tennessee Warbler was reported from 65 counties, with the first report of the season on 22 August and the last on 17 November. The highest count of individual birds on one report was 30. The monthly count of reports that included Tennessee Warbler shows a peak in September, with fewer mentions in October, and only 6 reports listing the species in November. Counties were too numerous to list for this species.

County abbreviations:

Adar Adair
Alln Allen
Barr Barren
Boon Boone
Butl Butler
Clwy Calloway
Carl Carlisle
Carr Carroll
Edmn Edmonson
Fayt Fayette
Fult Fulton
Grup Greenup
Hrln Harlan
Hend Henderson
Hick Hickman
Hopk Hopkins
Jeff Jefferson
Laur Laurel
Letc Letcher
Livn Livingston

Great Horned Owls – *Warren*, 15 November 2018, Rickey Shive

Mads Madison
Mrsh Marshall
McCy McCreary
Merc Mercer
Muhl Muhlenberg
Puls Pulaski
Rock Rockcastle
Rown Rowan
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August-November 2018: Summary of eBird reports

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Counties
BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK	3	1 Aug	29 Oct	14	3		2		Calloway, Ballard, Shelby
Snow Goose	12	11 Oct		5000			2	28	
Ross's Goose	3	20 Aug		10	1		2	3	Warren, Ballard, Wayne
Greater White-fronted Goose	12	4 Oct		2000			35	32	
Cackling Goose	1	27 Nov	27 Nov	3				1	Trigg
Canada Goose	82			460	388	420	459	481	
Mute Swan	3	6 Oct	27 Nov	4			10	8	Fayette, Oldham, Christian
Tundra Swan	3	13 Nov	26 Nov	12				7	Larue, Henderson, Union
Wood Duck	60			135	149	136	108	60	
Blue-winged Teal	39	3 Aug	26 Nov	250	62	114	73	14	
CINNAMON TEAL	1	6 Sep	6 Sep	1		4			Union
Northern Shoveler	25	19 Aug		35	3	12	51	85	
Gadwall	37	4 Oct		300			117	183	
American Wigeon	17	4 Oct	28 Nov	100			38	36	
Mallard	74			950	234	267	400	450	
American Black Duck	19	20 Sep	30 Nov	24		2	15	25	
Northern Pintail	12	18 Sep	28 Nov	40		4	24	14	
Green-winged Teal	23	17 Aug		58	2	16	47	82	
Canvasback	8	23 Oct		6			2	15	
Redhead	22	15 Oct		300			6	51	
Ring-necked Duck	32	3 Aug		400	3	6	38	115	
Greater Scaup	5	16 Nov		6				10	Hopk, Mrsh, Jeff, Ohio, Puls
Lesser Scaup	28	16 Oct		450			10	114	
Surf Scoter	5	24 Oct	18 Nov	3			3	13	Puls, Alln, Jeff, Livn, Union
White-winged Scoter	1	16 Nov	26 Nov	1				10	Casey
Black Scoter	7	3 Nov	28 Nov	3				42	
Bufflehead	28	2 Nov		89				140	
Common Goldeneye	9	11 Nov		176				42	
Hooded Merganser	27	17 Aug		320	1	5	9	139	
Common Merganser	4	9 Nov	25 Nov	9				9	Jeff, Laur, Pike, Tayl
Red-breasted Merganser	18	9 Nov		40				81	
Ruddy Duck	29	15 Oct		70			29	113	

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Northern Bobwhite	32			20	53	15	6	4	
Wild Turkey	75			29	142	102	68	46	
Pied-billed Grebe	59	1 Aug		88	16	56	205	356	
Horned Grebe	27	15 Oct		380			23	195	
Red-necked Grebe	3	14 Nov	17 Nov	1				6	Casey, Jefferson, Pulaski
Eared Grebe	2	25 Oct	30 Nov	2			1	5	Russell, Hardin
Rock Pigeon	77			1000	154	182	196	227	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	23			16	27	32	13	10	
Mourning Dove	105			400	961	1005	863	633	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	70		25 Oct	8	275	165	57		
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	28 Sep	28 Sep	1		1			Jefferson
Common Nighthawk	40		6 Oct	300	80	97	6		
Chuck-Will's-Widow	1	20 Aug	20 Aug	0	1				Crittenden
Eastern Whip-poor-will	4	6 Aug	9 Sep	1	3	4			Rock, Fayt, Hart, Wolf
Chimney Swift	69		30 Oct	1750	306	401	215		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	84		4 Nov	20	468	760	291	1	
KING RAIL	1	20 Oct	20 Oct	1			10		Henderson
Virginia Rail	4	10 Sep	25 Oct	1		2	4		Hend, Mads, Todd, Trig
Sora	5	17 Sep	25 Oct	7		6	37		Hend, Jeff, Muhl, Carl, Fayt
Common Gallinule	2	3 Aug	6 Oct	1	1		1		Muhlenberg, Russell
American Coot	40	3 Aug		1600	1	9	79	134	
Sandhill Crane	20	20 Oct	29 Nov	3500			1	70	
Black-necked Stilt	1	17 Aug	17 Aug	1	1				Ballard
American Avocet	5	17 Aug	27 Oct	10	10	3	3		Hend, Clwy, Carl, Jeff, Merc
Black-bellied Plover	3	15 Aug	18 Oct	2	4	6	1		Carlisle, Jefferson, Union
American Golden-Plover	7	29 Aug	9 Oct	1	3	9	6		
Semipalmated Plover	22		22 Oct	25	85	48	8		
Piping Plover	1	12 Aug	12 Aug	1	4				Carlisle
Killdeer	87			1537	436	462	468	268	
Upland Sandpiper	1	11 Aug	19 Aug	1	9				Henderson
HUDSONIAN GODWIT	1	20 Aug	20 Aug	20	1				Henderson
Ruddy Turnstone	2	6 Aug	20 Sep	1	1	4			Union, Henderson
Stilt Sandpiper	13	11 Aug	9 Oct	19	19	34	11		
Sanderling	4	1 Aug	9 Oct	5	6	10	1		Rown, Carl, Hick, Unon
Dunlin	13	3 Oct	20 Nov	51			63	11	

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Baird's Sandpiper	8	1 Aug	23 Sep	2	9	28			
Least Sandpiper	32		23 Nov	90	188	167	71	9	
White-rumped Sandpiper	3	26 Aug	25 Sep	11	1	20			Rowan, Union, Franklin
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	4	13 Aug	22 Sep	2	5	10			Hend, Rown, Union, Jeff
Pectoral Sandpiper	27		31 Oct	150	111	116	70		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	20		14 Oct	32	83	114	5		
Western Sandpiper	10	10 Aug	22 Oct	4	13	17	1		
Short-billed Dowitcher	11	15 Aug	4 Oct	4	27	11	3		
Long-billed Dowitcher	6	22 Aug	21 Oct	11	1		16		
American Woodcock	6	4 Aug	22 Nov	5	1	2		8	
Wilson's Snipe	20	23 Aug	28 Nov	25	1	4	61	47	
Spotted Sandpiper	48		11 Nov	15	203	123	44	1	
Solitary Sandpiper	26		18 Oct	15	106	85	7		
Lesser Yellowlegs	24	3 Aug	3 Nov	74	80	61	58	1	
Willet	3	15 Aug	31 Aug	2	4				Jefferson, Marshall, Union
Greater Yellowlegs	24	3 Aug	17 Nov	14	47	51	107	16	
Wilson's Phalarope	4	3 Aug	7 Sep	1	3	7			Union, Clwy, Rown, Wayn
Red-necked Phalarope	3	8 Sep	4 Oct	1		2	3		Bath, Rowan, Union
SABINE'S GULL	1	11 Sep	11 Sep	1		1			Russell
Bonaparte's Gull	25	12 Oct		675			27	158	
Franklin's Gull	5	29 Sep	17 Nov	7		3	4	8	Mrsh, Barr, Clwy, Adar, Lyon
MEW GULL	1	24 Nov	24 Nov	1				2	Marshall
Ring-billed Gull	37	4 Aug		3000	65	119	126	364	
Herring Gull	19	12 Aug		200	4	66	37	109	
Iceland Gull	1	25 Nov	25 Nov	1				5	Marshall
Lesser Black-backed Gull	7	12 Sep	30 Nov	9		28	4	45	
Glaucous Gull	2	23 Nov	29 Nov	1				14	Marshall, Hopkins
Least Tern	4		4 Sep	63	58	6			Carl, Fult, Hend,Hick
Caspian Tern	23	1 Aug	12 Oct	18	51	48	4		
Black Tern	14	11 Aug	26 Sep	17	29	29			
Common Tern	11	18 Aug	27 Oct	75	2	28	3		
Forster's Tern	22	1 Aug	28 Nov	104	23	46	25	16	
Red-throated Loon	2	18 Nov	21 Nov	1				5	Allen, Hardin
PACIFIC LOON	2	17 Nov	25 Nov	1				21	Hopkins, Russell
Common Loon	24	11 Sep		185		14	34	202	

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Double-crested Cormorant	59			1000	229	303	246	220	
American White Pelican	13	3 Aug		1100	6	42	47	104	
BROWN PELICAN	1	11 Aug	11 Aug	1	10				Hopkins
American Bittern	7	26 Sep	13 Nov	2		1	10	1	
Least Bittern	1	3 Aug	3 Aug	2	1				Muhlenberg
Great Blue Heron	88			80	579	539	560	492	
Great Egret	49			620	373	322	238	96	
Snowy Egret	13		17 Oct	27	71	16	22		
Little Blue Heron	14		25 Sep	23	59	33			
Cattle Egret	8		27 Sep	173	24	6			
Green Heron	53		7 Nov	52	204	150	25	4	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	11		29 Nov	17	69	33	7	7	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	2		1 Sep	8	12	1			Jefferson, Marshall
Black Vulture	87			219	299	344	405	325	
Turkey Vulture	108			100	589	775	982	620	
Osprey	43		16 Nov	11	155	149	72	3	
Golden Eagle	1	28 Nov	28 Nov	1				1	Barren
Northern Harrier	39	18 Aug		6	7	35	70	98	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	27	20 Aug	28 Nov	3	3	16	33	46	
Cooper's Hawk	57			4	107	135	204	114	
Bald Eagle	59			13	132	136	186	246	
Mississippi Kite	13		9 Sep	30	115	9			
Red-shouldered Hawk	70			7	127	268	280	176	
Broad-winged Hawk	34	2 Aug	12 Oct	200	36	93	5		
SWAINSON'S HAWK	1	1 Sep	1 Sep	1		1			Carlisle
Red-tailed Hawk	93			6	254	251	383	419	
Barn Owl	2			1	1		2	1	Wayne, Christian
Eastern Screech-Owl	46			3	14	61	50	19	
Great Horned Owl	35			6	53	19	40	41	
Barred Owl	49			5	39	55	47	38	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	2 Nov	10 Nov	2				8	Jefferson
Belted Kingfisher	84			5	160	260	332	275	
Red-headed Woodpecker	63			26	114	127	142	93	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	98			17	384	802	1052	718	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	55	20 Sep		4		53	176	127	

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Downy Woodpecker	97			15	399	810	900	684	
Hairy Woodpecker	77			5	84	163	183	150	
Northern Flicker	91			34	130	358	696	476	
Pileated Woodpecker	83			10	197	360	314	214	
American Kestrel	84			13	165	176	278	298	
Merlin	20	6 Sep		1		11	25	22	
Peregrine Falcon	19			2	36	37	33	16	
Great Crested Flycatcher	47		13 Oct	4	83	81	3		
Eastern Kingbird	63		23 Sep	20	323	63			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	9	23 Aug	30 Sep	3	2	15			
Eastern Wood-Pewee	94		29 Oct	16	409	584	178		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	10	3 Sep	6 Oct	1		16	1		
Acadian Flycatcher	43		4 Oct	6	60	73	1		
Willow Flycatcher	6		**28 Sep**	2	8	1			
Least Flycatcher	17	18 Aug	7 Oct	3	8	47	2		
Eastern Phoebe	86			14	156	397	394	83	
Loggerhead Shrike	14			2	9	11	9	18	
White-eyed Vireo	65		30 Oct	37	123	318	54		
Bell's Vireo	5		23 Sep	8	16	4			Muhl, Unon, Butl, Hend, Ohio
Yellow-throated Vireo	50		17 Oct	7	37	168	27		
Blue-headed Vireo	28	19 Aug	24 Nov	16	5	71	98	3	
Philadelphia Vireo	23	24 Aug	18 Oct	8	2	57	47		
Warbling Vireo	24		3 Oct	5	21	62	2		
Red-eyed Vireo	72		16 Oct	32	153	269	45		
Blue Jay	111			450	621	1197	1474	957	
American Crow	110			300	726	945	1109	909	
Fish Crow	11		29 Nov	28	83	29	7	3	
Common Raven	5			4		14	4	1	Hrln, Letc, Bell, Grup, Boyd
Horned Lark	26			80	47	22	61	87	
Purple Martin	35		27 Sep	30000	192	13			
Tree Swallow	54		28 Nov	700	79	55	239	44	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	42		16 Nov	170	164	114	99	2	
Bank Swallow	15			1000	77	21			
Cliff Swallow	23		13 Sep	500	89	18			
Barn Swallow	73		30 Oct	500	472	105	32		

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Carolina Chickadee	106			28	505	1078	1200	913	
Tufted Titmouse	101			34	447	903	985	710	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	58	11 Sep		20		57	266	232	
White-breasted Nuthatch	95			26	328	704	754	480	
BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH	2	19 Aug	6 Oct	3	2	9	1		Laurel, Marshall
Brown Creeper	42	12 Oct		6			51	160	
ROCK WREN	1	23 Oct	23 Oct	1			1		Henderson
House Wren	51		18 Nov	8	98	162	82	8	
Winter Wren	30	1 Oct		4			35	54	
Sedge Wren	9	4 Aug	20 Oct	2	12	1	17		
Marsh Wren	5	11 Sep	28 Oct	5		2	39		Hend, Jeff, Muhl, Boon, Fayt
Carolina Wren	105			21	594	1015	1035	703	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	68		13 Oct	35	239	188	8		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	67	30 Sep		18		1	159	237	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	53	15 Sep		10		17	227	120	
Eastern Bluebird	96			60	308	425	551	432	
Veery	8	2 Sep	6 Oct	2		12	1		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	19	2 Sep	12 Oct	18		52	9		
Swainson's Thrush	44	30 Aug	23 Oct	35	1	268	64		
Hermit Thrush	33	30 Sep		3		1	41	54	
Wood Thrush	35		28 Oct	16	24	70	16		
American Robin	99			1000	504	624	929	684	
Gray Catbird	64		4 Nov	17	131	383	194	1	
Brown Thrasher	65		29 Nov	18	89	240	124	28	
Northern Mockingbird	89			15	316	319	620	382	
European Starling	99			4500	460	650	814	758	
Cedar Waxwing	70			137	66	205	146	200	
House Sparrow	79			60	219	242	254	257	
American Pipit	15	8 Oct	29 Nov	35			10	33	
House Finch	64			43	295	370	519	485	
Purple Finch	29	12 Oct		16			30	100	
Pine Siskin	32	29 Aug		28	1		14	109	
American Goldfinch	102			150	739	802	689	740	
Lapland Longspur	4	15 Nov	25 Nov	15				4	Fayt, Fult, Hopk, Jeff
Eastern Towhee	83			12	291	271	286	262	

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American Tree Sparrow	8	28 Oct		4			1	19	
Chipping Sparrow	84			56	246	209	276	150	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	12 Oct	12 Oct	1			1		Lincoln
Field Sparrow	76			50	250	133	176	189	
Vesper Sparrow	8	12 Oct	23 Nov	4			17	9	
Lark Sparrow	3	5 Aug	6 Oct	4	8		2		Jefferson, Henderson, Union
Savannah Sparrow	26	20 Aug	25 Nov	24	3	1	99	34	
Grasshopper Sparrow	8	4 Aug	21 Oct	4	13	1	11		
Henslow's Sparrow	6	10 Aug	16 Oct	5	8	1	1		
LeConte's Sparrow	1	25 Oct	25 Oct	1			3		Henderson
Fox Sparrow	27	13 Oct		4			15	58	
Song Sparrow	85			50	377	265	632	619	
Lincoln's Sparrow	23	25 Sep	3 Nov	6		2	54	2	
Swamp Sparrow	45	29 Sep		75		2	212	160	
White-throated Sparrow	65	18 Aug		80	1		301	584	
HARRIS'S SPARROW	2	22 Nov	29 Nov	1				9	Logan, Simpson
White-crowned Sparrow	41	2 Oct		25			87	128	
Dark-eyed Junco	64	15 Sep		94		14	152	459	
Yellow-breasted Chat	30		26 Sep	4	33	26			
Bobolink	10	11 Aug	7 Oct	25	14	11	3		
Eastern Meadowlark	65			75	97	51	173	130	
Western Meadowlark	1	24 Nov	24 Nov	3				1	Fulton
Orchard Oriole	15		4 Sep	7	34	2			
Baltimore Oriole	37		**29 Nov**	8	71	49		2	
Red-winged Blackbird	79			6000	274	165	485	278	
Brown-headed Cowbird	48			3000	68	51	104	75	
Rusty Blackbird	12	18 Oct	29 Nov	300			13	42	
Brewer's Blackbird	3	24 Nov	29 Nov	600				6	Fulton, Hopkins, Simpson
Common Grackle	65			50000	205	220	374	224	
Ovenbird	29		**23 Nov**	7	4	72	12	1	
Worm-eating Warbler	15		2 Oct	4	13	31	1		
Louisiana Waterthrush	4		10 Aug	1	4				Lyon, Mads, Mrsh, Puls
Northern Waterthrush	12	5 Aug	20 Oct	7	1	21	10		
Golden-winged Warbler	28	24 Aug	7 Oct	7	4	78	4		
Blue-winged Warbler	28		29 Sep	4	12	69			

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Black-and-white Warbler	54		4 Nov	9	38	242	48	1	
Prothonotary Warbler	28		23 Sep	6	51	28			
Swainson's Warbler	3	24 Aug	5 Sep	2	2	1			Calloway, McCreary, Trigg
Tennessee Warbler	65	22 Aug	17 Nov	30	11	333	224	6	
Orange-crowned Warbler	20	16 Sep	26 Nov	2		9	44	5	
Nashville Warbler	31	28 Aug	27 Oct	3	1	62	73		
Mourning Warbler	7	6 Sep	24 Sep	2		10			
Kentucky Warbler	18		30 Sep	3	17	20			
Common Yellowthroat	63		6 Nov	20	203	231	119	6	
Hooded Warbler	28		9 Oct	9	18	118	5		
American Redstart	66	15 Aug	2 Nov	26	27	413	83	3	
Cape May Warbler	23	19 Aug	29 Oct	8	2	35	43		
Cerulean Warbler	4	1 Aug	25 Aug	2	4				Carr, Edmn, McCy, Whit
Northern Parula	53		27 Oct	14	38	194	39		
Magnolia Warbler	74	23 Aug	2 Nov	18	10	450	260	1	
Bay-breasted Warbler	47	8 Sep	1 Nov	24		226	157	3	
Blackburnian Warbler	40	20 Aug	31 Oct	4	13	147	48		
Yellow Warbler	23		6 Oct	3	31	23	2		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	55	19 Aug	19 Oct	16	22	242	48		
Blackpoll Warbler	9	3 Sep	30 Sep	2		18			
Black-throated Blue Warbler	6	1 Sep	8 Oct	6		26	1		
Palm Warbler	46	6 Sep	30 Nov	16		70	183	15	
Pine Warbler	51		28 Nov	12	11	103	68	8	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	71	22 Sep		100		46	502	189	
Yellow-throated Warbler	46		12 Oct	5	22	146	17		
Prairie Warbler	35		20 Oct	5	40	58	6		
Black-throated Green Warbler	61		11 Nov	8	12	252	275	3	
Canada Warbler	14	16 Aug	6 Oct	2	3	24	2		
Wilson's Warbler	17	12 Aug	12 Oct	4	1	38	8		
Summer Tanager	72		20 Oct	11	127	334	89		
Scarlet Tanager	49		18 Oct	14	33	150	32		
Northern Cardinal	105			87	981	1281	1323	994	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	59	9 Sep	27 Oct	107		189	153		
Blue Grosbeak	52		6 Oct	15	169	69	7		
Indigo Bunting	85		27 Oct	220	595	361	207		
Dickcissel	23		3 Nov	45	100	15	6	1	

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 2018-2019

James A. Wheat, Regional Editor for Kentucky CBCs

Thirty-seven Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) were conducted this year in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A total of 137 species was recorded, down from last year's 143. There were two additional count week birds reported: one Fish Crow, and one Orange-crowned Warbler; both birds were reported by seasoned observers. Total individuals counted were 382,137, which includes only birds identified to species. One count circle beat the century mark, which is extraordinary for Kentucky – East Allen County tallied 103 species this year – a great effort by the team there! Three other count circles tallied 90 or more species: Louisville (95), Ballard County and Russell-Adair County (91 each). Five count circles reported between 81 and 87 species, seven observed between 74 and 79 species, and the remaining 21 counted between 42 and 69 species.

Weather was rather mild in Kentucky. Many compilers commented on the low waterfowl numbers and species variety. The low temperatures ranged from 23°F to 49°F. The high temperatures ranged from 60°F to 38°F. All-day clear or cloudy weather was about evenly split on the counts. Of the eight counts that reported rain, seven reported all-day rain; mostly light rain. No snow was reported. Rivers and creeks were open. Lakes and ponds were open, with two counts reporting some frozen still water on smaller ponds. As always, the distribution of count days across the count period was not uniform. With the traditional holidays and related travel falling adjacent to the weekends this year, counts were distributed across fewer days: of the 23 days of the count period, only 13 were used to run counts. The seven weekend days hosted 23 of the 37 CBCs.

Highlights of this CBC season include the following. Most of these are on eBird checklists, most documented by photographs, and all have considerable identification notes on the rarities: Ross's Goose (23 on 3 counts), Cackling Goose (18 on 4 counts), Black Scoter (1 at Louisville), Long-tailed Duck (1 at Land Between the Lakes), Common Merganser (10 on 4 counts), Red-throated Loon (1 at Barren River Lake), Eared Grebe (3 on 2 counts), Great Egret (6 on 5 counts), Golden Eagle (5 on 3 counts), Barn Owl (10 on 3 counts), Short-eared Owl (11 on 5 counts), Merlin (10 on 7 counts), Peregrine Falcon (5 on 2 counts), SAY'S PHOEBE (1 at East Allen County; KBRC review required), White-eyed Vireo (1 at Ballard County), Brown-headed Nuthatch (2 at London), House Wren (10 on 6 counts), Marsh Wren (3 on 2 counts), Gray Catbird (4 on 3 counts), Black-and-white Warbler (1 at Louisville), Common Yellowthroat (2 on 2 counts), Palm Warbler (16 on 7 counts), Le Conte's Sparrow (6 on 2 counts), Lincoln's Sparrow (1 at East Allen County), and Brewer's Blackbird (4 on 2 counts).

The ten most numerous species were Common Grackle (115,559); European Starling (70,852); Red-winged Blackbird (27,397); Snow Goose (22,003); Brown-headed Cowbird (10,049); Mourning Dove (9,168); Mallard (8,347); Ring-billed Gull (7,698); Canada Goose (7,340); and American Crow (6,980). There were 18 common species that were reported on all 37 counts; 11 species were observed on only one CBC. Three count circles counted over 25,000 birds: Paradise (107,871); Elkton (34,086); and Ballard County (36,945).

The 462 participants (including some multi-CBC people) logged a total of 1,215.5 party hours and 7,250.25 miles. Birders spent 28 hours owling while travelling 133.75 miles. Seventeen feeder watchers logged 30.25 hours observing birds. We are working to increase CBC participation on some counts, though in some areas far from population centers, it's difficult to recruit observers.

Historically, many CBCs held in Kentucky were published in the Kentucky Ornithological Society journal *The Kentucky Warbler*, but were not included in the National Audubon Society

(NAS) CBC database. I am still engaged with NAS in the effort to include all such counts that meet qualifying criteria. When that project is complete, better trending can be derived from that foundation of data, as well as making the data available to researchers and the public.

I offer sincere thanks to the 462 observers who participated in this year's counts. Once again, most of these observations have also been reported in eBird. My special gratitude goes to the 37 hard-working compilers who organized and executed their counts, submitted count results online, and endured my many requests and questions. To those who completed rare bird reports or otherwise documented the unusual birds, thank you very much.

JACKSON PURCHASE (JackPr) – 2 counts

Ballard County - KYBC (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at jct. KY 358 and Stove Corner Road — 37.12284 N, -088.9518 W). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec. 17; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Mostly clear; temp. 30° to 57° F; wind NW 5-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Nine observers in three to five parties. Total party hours: 14.5 (7 on foot, 7.5 by car). Total party miles: 75 (3 on foot, 72 by car). Hours owling: 1.0. Total species 92; 36,946 individuals.

Observers: Clay Bliznick, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, Andrew Lydeard, Mark Monroe, **Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler)**, Scott Record, Daniel Redwine, and Brian Wulker.

Weather conditions were excellent with clear skies, light breeze, and warm temperature. The species total (92) was about-average for this count in recent years. The diversity of waterfowl was relatively low, as were the numbers of some dabblers (Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, and Green-winged Teal). Most of the geese were observed flying over in a number of waves, mostly northbound, during the day. Highlights included a Cackling Goose, at least 6 American Woodcocks, a White-eyed Vireo (Ragland, McCracken Co.), 12 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a House Wren (West Ky WMA, McCracken Co.), 3 Loggerhead Shrikes, and 5 Le Conte's Sparrows (Ballard WMA). Natural food supplies appeared to be at least average, with many birds observed eating hackberry fruits.

Calloway County - KYCC (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery; 36.600276°N, -88.199857°W). Habitat: 20% lake shoreline and streams, 35% open fields, 30% residential, and 15% deciduous and pine woods. Jan 5; 5:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. CST. Clear all day; temp. 34-56°F; wind SW, 6-9 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirteen observers in one to eight parties. Total party-hours 54 (10 on foot, 44 by car). Total party-miles 167 (11 on foot, 156 by car). Hours owling 0.25; feeder hours 1.5. Total species 79; 3,713 individuals.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Katherine Cohen, Melissa Easley, Bob Head, Larry Mahler, Mike Miller, Josh Powell, Elizabeth Raikes, Darrin Samborski, Kathy Terry, Kevin Warner, Sonya Wood-Mahler, and Aviva Yasgur.

Strange weather and lake levels for January. Sunny with temperatures reaching 58 degrees. Recent rain had caused lake levels to rise and creeks to be full.

Kentucky Lake levels were 4.5 feet over winter pool. There was no shoreline, mudflat or islands for resting birds. Warm temperatures also contributed to the low numbers and species of ducks. Killdeer and Cooper's Hawks were seen on count week in several locations but missed on count day. Fish Crow and Winter Wren were also seen during count week.

WESTERN COAL FIELDS (WCoal) – 5 counts

Daviess County, South - KYDS (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center on Hwy 142 just s. of Habit, KY; 37.693778°N, -86.99575°W). Habitat to be described. Dec. 29, 8:00

a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CST. Cloudy skies, no rain; temp 32-38°F; wind SE 4-7 m.p.h. Water open.

Fifteen observers in one to seven parties. Total party-hours: 30 (4.5 on foot, 25. 5 by car). Total party-miles: 212.75 (2.75 on foot, 210 by car). Hours owling 0; feeder hours 1. Total species 55; 3,070 individuals.

Observers: Judy Adams, Pat Augenstein, Henry Conner, Tony Eaden, Brenda Eaden, Steve Hahus, **Mike Henshaw (compiler)**, Sherry Henshaw, Janet Howard, Mary Kissel, Celeste Lawson, Mary Thompson, Wendell Thompson, Frances Tichenor, and Lynn Tichenor.

We saw no Eurasian Collared-Doves this year, which reflects the reduction of sightings in the county this year. Also, the occurrence of Red-breasted Nuthatch reflects what others have seen at their bird feeders in the county this winter. A lack of any back water/flood water on the count day or during the count week resulted in few waterfowl species seen. We also have fewer blackbirds this count.

Mammoth Cave National Park - KYMC (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Park Headquarters; 37.18644°N, -86.1101°W). Habitat as described in 1980. Dec. 16; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Foggy morning, partly cloudy afternoon; temp. 44-55°F; wind NW 7 m.p.h. Water open.

Five observers in one to two parties. Total party-hours 11 (3 on foot, 8 by car). Total party-miles 78 (4 on foot, 74 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 42; 529 individuals.

Observers: Sarah Bell, **Blaine Ferrell (compiler)**, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler, and Andrew Sitlinger.

The weather in general was not great with fog in the morning, but the temperature was relatively warm. It was a good count, with an average number of species, considering that there were no cedar berries and thus we did not get Cedar Waxwings or many American Robins. A big miss for the day was Wild Turkey. There was an influx of Red-breasted Nuthatches. The relatively high number of Turkey Vultures was due to the occurrence of a roost near the park's visitor center. Thanks to those who participated.

Nolin River - KYNR (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.5 miles south of Hilltop, eastern Grayson County; 37.38964°, -86.1137°). Habitat: woodland, farmland, river and Nolin Reservoir. Dec. 29; 4:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; no rain; temp. 34-39°F; wind calm. Water open.

Six observers in one to two parties. Total party-hours 20.5 (10.5 on foot, 10 by car). Total party-miles 196 (2 on foot, 194 by car). Hours owling 1. Total species 65; 2,753 individuals.

Observers: John Brittain, Carol Friedman, Dan Givens, Richard Healy, Janet Kistler, and **Steve Kistler (compiler)**.

Highlights were watching a Sharp-shinned Hawk working a row of cedar trees and finding Short-eared Owls at a new location.

Paradise - KYPA (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Hopewell Cemetery in southern Ohio County — 37.27755 N, -086.95868 W). Habitat as described in 1993. Dec 30; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Mostly clear; temp. 32° to 51° F; wind NE 0-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Ten observers in four to five parties. Total party hours: 28 (12 on foot, 16 by car). Total party miles: 137 (5 on foot, 132 by car). Hours owling: 3.0. Total species 79; 107,871 individuals.

Observers: Jamie Baker, Clay Bliznik, Beverly Carrico, Steve Graham, Teresa Graham, **Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler)**, Matt Stickel, Donna Stricklin, Major Waltman, and Mary Yandell.

A gorgeous day did not result in finding an especially abundant supply of birds; the species total (79) was well below above average for this count during recent years, mostly due to a poor variety of waterfowl (only seven species). Highlights included 6 Bald Eagles, a Virginia Rail, 7 Sandhill Cranes, 2 Merlins, 92 Red-breasted Nuthatches, 2 Marsh Wrens, 16 Brown

Thrashers, and a Le Conte's Sparrows. Raptor numbers were again very low this year, especially for the nice weather; only a single Short-eared Owl could be found at dusk. One of the Red-tailed Hawks was a dark morph Harlan's Hawk. Somehow we managed to miss Eastern Meadowlark. Not included in the table are several hundred thousand blackbirds observed flying out from roost in the morning; most of these were Common Grackles, but an accurate estimate of the flock composition was not attempted.

Sorgho - KYSG (all points within a 15-mile diameter, center Hwy. 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection; 37.76297°N, -87.23086°W). Habitat farmland, river, creeks, river bottoms, urban parks and county parks. Dec. 15; 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST. Cloudy morning, foggy afternoon, with light rain all day; temp. 48-50°F; wind 0-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Fifteen observers in seven parties. Total party-hours 29 (4.5 on foot, 24.5 by car). Total party-miles 233 (7 on foot, 226 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 42; 6,289 individuals.

Observers: Judy Adams, Pat Augenstein, Laverne Bush, Henry Conner, Brenda Eaden, Tony Eaden, Steve Hahus, Doreen Harney, Mike Henshaw, **Janet Howard (compiler)**, Mary Kissel, Cathy Rogier, David Stratton, Frances Tichenor, and Lynn Tichenor.

PENNYRILE (Penny) – 15 counts

Bowling Green - KYBG (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Basil Griffin Park, six miles south of Bowling Green; 36.9159°N, -86.4359°W). Habitat: deciduous woods 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 19; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Clear all day; temp. 29-58°F; wind NW 1 m.p.h. Water open.

Four observers in two parties. Total party-hours 18 (4 on foot, 14 by car). Total party-miles 149 (6 on foot, 143 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 75; 3,987 individuals.

Observers: Sarah Bell, Bo Cooper, **Blaine Ferrell (compiler)**, and David Roemer.

The count was conducted on a beautiful sunny day with calm winds. The Common Loon at a small former quarry was unexpected and new for the count. The number of species observed was above average even though we missed a few regulars such as Wild Turkey. Thanks to those who participated in the count.

Barren River Lake - KYBR (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 2.31 mi. ESE jct. Rts. 1402 & 101; 36.933002°N, -86.170535°W). Habitat: 50% agricultural, 20% woodlands, 20% urban/suburban, 10% open water. Dec 17; 5:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. CST. Foggy morning, clear afternoon; temp 28-55°F; wind variable 0-5 m.p.h. Water open.

Five observers in one to three parties. Total party-hours: 29.75 (2.75 on foot, 27 by car). Total party-miles: 226.25 (2.5 on foot, 223.75 by car). Hours owling 0.25. Total species 81; 8,807 individuals.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Roseanna Denton, Aaron Hulsey, David Roemer, and **Stephen Stedman (compiler)**.

Thick fog over the lake prevented detection of water birds until 10 AM, and considerable glare made ID of the same birds difficult in the afternoon, thereby considerably reducing the number of such species recorded. However, owling conditions away from the lake were good in the early AM, and the three common owls were all recorded, unlike the previous year when none were noted.

A close Red-throated Loon on the lake in late afternoon was well viewed by all count observers and was the highlight of the species list. Thirteen Red-breasted Nuthatches testified to a good incursion event, but one Pine Siskin and four Purple Finches – not so much.

Eastern Allen County - KYEA (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center along Rhoden Creek, 3.0 miles n. of Holland, Ky., Post Office; 36.7426°N, -86.06855°W). Habitat as described in 2014. Dec. 18; 5:30 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. CST. Sky partly cloudy to clear; temp.

30-48°F; wind S 0-5 m.p.h. Water open.

Twelve observers in six to seven parties. Total party-hours 57 (21.5 on foot, 28 by car, and 7.5 by bicycle). Total party-miles 199.75 (21.5 on foot, 146 by car, and 32.25 by bicycle). Hours owling 0.5. Total species 103; 14,963 individuals.

Observers: Jamin Beachy (compiler), Mahlon Beachy, Marlene Beachy, Matthan Beachy, Nathan Beachy, Sadie Beachy, Victor Beachy, Lyle Bontrager, Asher Higgins, Ruben Stoll, Victor Stoll, and Judith Troyer.

Beautiful weather and enthusiastic participants make a great count! For us, 2018 was the best yet.

Highlights were a Golden Eagle and several count firsts; Common Merganser, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Merlin, Lincoln's Sparrow, and SAY'S PHOEBE! Being the first KY CBC to record more than one hundred species definitely added to the fun.

Even so there is the normal handful of misses; Wood Duck, Northern Bobwhite, Barn Owl, Pine Warbler, and after having them several seasons we think Least Sandpiper and Dunlin qualify as misses too. They were absent this year. A hearty thank you to our dedicated birding crew, and hope to see you next season!

Elkton - KYEK (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center just north of jct. KY 102 (Allensville Road) and Gardner Road; 36.7605°N, -87.1016°W). Habitat: 73% agricultural fields, woodland 15%, brushy fencerows 8%, rural areas 2%, small ponds and streams 2%. Jan. 1; 6:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy, with no rain; temp. 44-49°F; wind NW 5-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Ten observers in three parties. Total party-hours 31.25 (14.25 on foot, 17 by car). Total party-miles 208.5 (11.5 on foot, 197 by car). Hours owling 1.5. Total species 83; 34,086 individuals.

Observers: Jamin Beachy, John Beachy, Marvin Beachy, Tammy Devine, Joe Hall, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., Ruben Stoll, Victor Stoll, and **Alan Troyer (compiler)**.

Weather was relatively nice for the count this year, with cloudy skies but no precipitation. Local water reservoirs were high though from the recent rains. Numbers were average on the count this year, nothing unexpected except a single Great Egret. This count is dependent on several small, unpredictable lakes and ponds for waterfowl and this year the waterfowl numbers were low. Coupled with the lack of semi-hardy passerines this kept the count from going too high. A few locally difficult species were found such as American Woodcock. Overall a fun day in the field but nothing astronomical.

Glasgow - KYGL (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Barren County Courthouse; 36.9956°N, -85.9127°W). Habitat as described in 1986. Dec 18; 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. CST. Clear skies; temp 27-48°F; wind NE 2-5 m.p.h. Water open.

Six observers in one party. Total party-hours: 7 (1.5 on foot, 5. 5 by car). Total party-miles: 75 (1 on foot, 74 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 61; 5,079 individuals.

Observers: Barbara Brand, **Tom Durbin (compiler)**, Carol Friedman, Janet Kistler, Steve Kistler, and Sandra Moss.

Other than the temperature being much warmer this year, it was a very average, non-eventful count. The number of species was on average with prior years.

Green River Lake - KYGR (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at end of Fern Castle Lane — 38.40382 N, -085.15351 W). Habitat: mostly open farmland with most trees along fence lines; a lot of small farm ponds. Dec 26; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Mostly clear; temp. 23° to 54° F; wind E 5-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Five observers in three parties. Total party hours: 21 (8 on foot, 13 by car). Total party miles: 115 (7 on foot, 108 by car). Total species 75; 6350 individuals.

Observers: Clay Bliznick, Lloyd Curry, Steve Dalton, Richie Kessler, and **Brainard**

Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler).

The weather was excellent for the count with sunny skies, moderate temperature, and mostly light breeze. The species total (75) was about average for this count in recent years. Waterfowl (only 9 species) were not particularly diverse due to the generally mild weather. Highlights included 77 Horned Grebes, 5 Bald Eagles, a Gray Catbird near the end of Corbin Bend Road on the Green River Lake WMA, and 8 Purple Finches.

Hart County - KYHC (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Jaggers Lane; 37.28352°N, -85.83795°W). Habitat: rural fields and forests; one large (Hundred-Acre) pond, and Green River. Dec. 17; 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy in the morning, clear in the afternoon; temp. 33-53°F; wind SW 0-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Twelve observers in three to four parties. Total party-hours 26.5 (7.5 on foot, 19 by car). Total party-miles 263.5 (4.5 on foot, 259 by car). Hours owling 0.5. Total species 75; 4,921 individuals.

Observers: John Brittain, Tom Durbin, Carol Friedman, Janet Kistler, **Steve Kistler (compiler)**, David Lang, Rosemary Meredith, Kathy Nichols, Judy Petersen, Jennifer Snyder, Jeff Sole, and David Wood.

The total of 75 species was a new high count for this 32-year old CBC.

Hopkinsville - KYHO (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at jct. SR68 & Pennyrile Pkwy.; 36.861547°N, -87.472963°W). Habitat to be described. Dec 29; 6:30am to 4:30 p.m. CST. Partly cloudy; temp 28-38°F; wind NW 5-10 m.p.h. Water partly frozen to open.

Seven observers in one to three parties. Total party-hours: 25.25 (7.75 on foot, 17.5 by car). Total party-miles: 234 (8 on foot, 226 by car). Hours owling 0.5; feeder hours 2. Total species 59; 3,241 individuals.

Observers: James David Chiles (compiler), Irene Grace, Jeff Grace, Julius Grace, Sherry Oatts, Maggie Selvidge, and Ken Utting.

Typical count. Much warmer than last year.

Land Between the Lakes - KYLB (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center northern edge of mouth to Pisgah Bay, south of Pisgah Point boat ramp and near the end of Forest Service Road 1111-A; 36.936736°N, -88.168328°W). Habitat as described in 1984. Dec. 15; 6:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy with light rain; temp. 49-53°F; wind, NE 7-13 m.p.h. Water open.

Twenty-four observers in one to seven parties. Total party-hours 48.25 (8.5 on foot, 39.75 by car). Total party-miles 235.25 (5 on foot, 230.25 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 82; 10,119 individuals.

Observers: Elise Brandt, Shannon Brockway, **Arrianne Byrum (compiler)**, Hap Chambers, David Chiles, Cameron Cooper, Kim Cooper, Melissa Easley, Jan Gray, Tim Johnson, Ryan Moore, Sarah Moy, John Pollpeter, Andy Radomski, Darrin Samborski, Emily Schumann, Cassie Sheehan, Jeremy Teague, John Paul Unk, Ryan Walker, Monica West, Nickolaus Willis, Aviva Yasgur, and Elmer Yoder.

The Land Between the Lakes (LBL) circle is unique because of our location. LBL is a 170,000-acre parcel of federally protected mainly forested land managed by the USDA Forest Service. Most of our count area is composed of land within LBL, two large lakes, plus some adjacent private land on the opposite banks of those lakes. Most of the land in LBL is fairly undeveloped there are roads, campgrounds, and visitor facilities, but no homes, shopping areas, etc., making the area a haven for forest-dwelling birds. LBL is surrounded on three sides by water, with the two main bodies being Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. The shorelines of LBL are undeveloped and mainly forested, providing three miles (not all in the count area) of continuous natural shoreline habitat. The lakes typically don't freeze during the winter, except

some of the shallow bays. Because of this, they often attract a variety of wintering waterfowl and other aquatic birds, including some considered unusual for inland areas. This combination of a large forested area, undeveloped shorelines, and large bodies of water makes LBL an important habitat and migration corridor for a large number of migratory bird species.

The LBL count usually tallies between 80-100 species, including aquatic and terrestrial birds. Some of the count circle includes residential and developed areas on the opposite shores of the lakes across from the LBL land. However, because most of the count is in such a large forested area, we typically report low numbers of birds that are considered invasive species associated with urban areas, such as house sparrows.

This year, we had uncharacteristically warm weather leading up to and after count day, with the count day itself starting at around 49 degrees and maxing out at 52 degrees. The day was also cloudy and overcast for a large majority of the day coupled with light rain. However, due to the weather and migratory patterns, we have recorded an uncharacteristically low number of waterfowl in the area for a second year in a row for the CBC, in addition to lower numbers in general for many common species as well. After discussions with the National Audubon Society, it was decided that the Kentucky Dam tailwaters and a section of Jonathan Creek, historically included in LBL reports, will no longer be included in this or future reports.

We tallied 82 species for the day, which is relatively low for our count, with no additional species spotted during count week. Unusual for this count, low numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds (Canada Goose, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Ruddy Duck, American Coot, Killdeer), and lower numbers of common species across the board (Wild Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Tufted Titmouse, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbirds) as well. We had a low Bald Eagle count this year after a record number last year. We had a high Common Grackle count this year, compared to zero last year. We also saw higher numbers of Northern Flickers, American Robins, Blue Jays, and Red-breasted Nuthatches. We did have a couple of newcomers in the count circle: a Long-tailed Duck, and an Eared Grebe. A big thank you to all who helped us this year. We look forward to 2019!

Lincoln's Birthplace (Hodgenville) - KYLH (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at courthouse square in downtown Hodgenville; 37.57375°N, -85.74038°W). Habitat as described in 2011. Dec. 26; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Clear skies; temp. 26-50°F; wind E 0-9 m.p.h. Still water partly frozen, moving water open.

Twelve observers in three to five parties. Total party-hours 35 (5 on foot, 30 by car). Total party-miles 244.5 (4.5 on foot, 240 by car). Hours owling 0.25. Total species 75; 16,648 individuals.

Observers: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Bill Friel, Terri Friel, Brenda Gaddie, Nancy Grant, Otis Meredith, Rosemary Meredith, Ross Parker, Scott Parker, Jennifer Snyder, and **Barbara Woerner (compiler)**.

This was the best overall coverage of the count circle that this CBC has had in several years. Participation by local birders familiar with the area made a big impact both on count day as well as count week. While the species total for this year was about average, it was good considering the scarcity of waterfowl in this region thus far this winter. Notable finds include a Merlin and a high count of 11 Red-shouldered Hawks (a species that can be hard to find on this CBC). Eastern Phoebe and American Pipit were missed on the count day but were found during the count week. The best find of the day were 2 Northern Bobwhites that were found "posing" in the foreground of a picture a birder took of a young buck at dusk. What a surprise!

Otter Creek Park - KYOC (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center just west of the jct. of KY 1238 and Pack Lane, about two miles southwest of the Park entrance — 37.91409 N, -086.069836 W). Habitat as described in 2001. Dec 29; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Cloudy (am) to mostly cloudy (pm); temp. 33° to 39° F; wind W 5-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Nine observers in four to five parties. Total party hours: 30.5 (15 on foot, 15.5 by car). Total party miles: 163 (4 on foot, 159 by car). Hours owling: 0.5. Total species 70; 5269 individuals.

Observers: Michael Autin, Tom Becker, Colleen Craven-Becker, Eric Crockett, **Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler)**, Jennifer Snyder, Jerry Snyder, Del Striegel and Barbara Woerner.

The day was cold and cloudy to mostly cloudy with a bit of a breeze. The species total (70) was below average for this count, largely due to the general absence of waterbirds on the Ohio River and Doe Valley Lake. Highlights included a House Wren at Otter Creek Park, an impressive tally of 82 Red-breasted Nuthatches, and 3 Brewer's Blackbirds in farmland east of Flaherty where 2 were seen last year. Natural food supplies seemed to be generally lacking, particularly a red cedar berry crop, accounting in large part for reduced numbers of American Robins, Cedar Waxwings, and Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Russell-Adair County - KYRA (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Warner Ridge Road and Payne Road; 36.965809°N, -85.121701°W). Habitat: mixed and deciduous woodland, pasture fields, streams and lake, mostly rural with a small percentage of urban. Elevation 530-1140 ft. Dec. 29; 5:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Sky cloudy, no rain; temp. 33-40°F; wind 0-5 m.p.h. Water open.

Eight observers in five parties. Total party-hours 48.25 (7.5 on foot, 40.75 by car). Total party-miles 436.75 (4.5 on foot, 432.25 by car). Hours owling 2. Total species 91; 6,919 individuals.

Observers: Ray Bontrager, Derek Coomer, **Roseanna Denton (compiler)**, Steve Denton, Arlene Morton, David Roemer, Rickey Shive, and Stephen J. Stedman.

We managed a new count high of 91 species with highlights being 2 Eared Grebes, count week Golden Eagle, Eurasian Collared-Doves (which have to be sought out on this count), Barn Owl, Short-eared Owls (getting us to 5 owl species), Loggerhead Shrike, Red-breasted Nuthatches, 3 House Wrens, American Pipit, 3 Palm Warblers, Chipping Sparrows by 3 parties, Savannah Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Purple Finches and a single Pine Siskin.

Somerset - KYSO (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center junction of Bypass Hwy. 80 and Hwy. 39; 37.102452°N, -84.603757°W). Habitat as described in 2000. Jan. 1; 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy, no rain; temp. 45-55°F; wind NW, 0-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Ten observers in four parties. Total party-hours 33 (3.75 by foot, 29.25 by car). Total party-miles 223.75 (1.75 on foot, 222 by car). Hours owling 2.25; feeder hours 12. Total species 77; 8,884 individuals.

Observers: Rhonda Bryant, **Roseanna Denton (compiler)**, Steve Denton, Joyce Haywood, Carolyn Gay, James Kiser, Scott Marsh, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, and Arlene Morton.

Ten field observers in 4 parties and 5 feeder watchers. We tallied 77 species. Highlights were a count first Peregrine Falcon, Mute Swan, American Woodcock, count week Orange-crowned Warbler, Chipping Sparrows by 2 parties and Savannah Sparrows.

Wayne County - KYWC (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. Hwy. 1275 and Cooley Lane; 36.897211°N, -84.821301°W). Habitat as described in 2002. Jan. 5; 6:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Clear skies; temp. 37-50°F; wind variable, 3-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Twelve observers in four to five parties. Total party-hours 46.25 (9 on foot, 37.25 by car). Total party-miles 269.5 (3.5 on foot, 266 by car). Hours owling 2. Total species 87; 16,454 individuals.

Observers: Lyle Bontrager, Ray Bontrager, **Roseanna Denton (compiler)**, Zachary Farmwald, Joyce Haywood, Carolyn Gay, Bret Kuss, Charlene Marrinam, Arlene Morton, Joel Schlabach, and Rickey Shive.

Ten field observers in 6 parties tallied 86 species. Highlights: Ross's and Cackling Goose, an immature Golden Eagle, 11 Bald Eagles, 9 Sandhill Cranes, 1077 Bonaparte's Gulls, an incredible 6 Barn Owls, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Savannah Sparrows, Rusty and Brewer's Blackbird and Purple Finches.

Western Allen County - KYWL (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center one-half mile west of jct. KY 2136 (Towe Road) and Shores Road; 36.71278°N, -86.3469°W). Habitat as described in 2012. Jan. 5; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. Clear skies; temp. 35-60°F; wind NW 5-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirteen observers in one to six parties. Total party-hours 25 (10 on foot, 15 by horse and buggy). Total party-miles 51 (7 on foot, 44 by horse and buggy). Hours owling 0.5. Total species 68,10,945 individuals.

Observers: Abraham Brubaker, Amanda Brubaker, Dale Brubaker, **John David Brubaker (compiler)**, Matthan Brubaker, Matthew Brubaker, Ethan Hoover, Joanna Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Luke Hoover, Rosalyn Hoover, Sharon Hoover, Dorothea Hoover, Edna Weaver, and Karl Weaver.

Highlights for the count were 1 Ring-necked Duck, 5 Pied-billed Grebes, 1 Chipping Sparrow, 4 Palm Warblers, 1 Rusty Blackbird, 1 Hermit Thrush, and best of all, 1 Red-breasted Nuthatch.

BLUEGRASS (BG) – 12 counts

Bernheim Forest - KYBF (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Forest lookout tower, 2.75 mi. SE of Forest entrance — 37.902405 N, -085.62752 W). Habitat as described in 1974. Dec 22; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Cloudy (am) to partly cloudy (pm); temp. 35° to 46° F; wind W-NW 5-20 m.p.h. Water open.

Eleven observers in six parties. Total party hours: 37.5 (15.5 on foot, 22 by car). Total party miles: 226 (9.5 on foot, 216.5 by car). Total species 64; 3671 individuals.

Observers: Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dona Coates, Lindsey McMahon, **Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr, (compiler)**, Jennifer Snyder, Jerry Snyder, Nancy Vance, Kelly Vowels, Matt Stickel, and Barbara Woerner.

The day was cloudy to partly cloudy with a moderate breeze and seasonable temperature. The species total (64) was well below average for this count for recent years, in part due to a near complete lack of waterfowl. Highlights of the day included the number of eagles: conservative totals of 7 Balds and 3 Goldens; the latter were reported by three separate parties. Other highlights included 49 Red-breasted Nuthatches and an imm. male Common Yellowthroat. Natural and ornamental food sources appeared to be in short supply with number of berry-eating species notably low for this count (including a shocking miss of Cedar Waxwing!).

Burlington - KYBU (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels; 38.9493°N, -84.7463°W). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 23; 5:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Cloudy all day; temp. 31-41°F; wind variable 3-7 m.p.h. Water open.

Nine observers in two to five parties. Total party-hours 24.75 (9.25 on foot, 15.5 by car). Total party-miles 158 (13 on foot, 145 by car). Hours owling 2. Total species 56; 1,851 individuals.

Observers: Linda Altevers, Kimmy Birrer, **Joe Caminiti (compiler)**, **Kathy Caminiti (compiler)**, Elaine Carroll, Pat Carroll, Melissa Desjardin, Gayle Pille, and Tommy Stephens.

Low number of waterfowl species in the area. Dreary day with very little sun appearing.

Danville - KYDA (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse; 37.646268°N, -84.773268°W). Habitat: 15% water edge, 8% urban, 10% cultivated, 35%

field/fence row, 25% wooded edge, and 7% feeder. Dec. 15; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy with heavy rain in the morning, light and heavy rain in the afternoon; temp. 47-54°F; wind NE 0-7 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirty-three observers in one to nine parties. Total party-hours 52.5 (12.25 on foot, 40.25 by car). Total party-miles 399 (11 on foot, 388 by car). Hours owling 1.5; feeder hours 6. Total species 64; 6,620 individuals.

Observers: Laura Baird, Jim Barnard, Jane Brantley, John Brantley, Neil Eklund, Virginia Eklund, Stephanie Fabritius, Amanda Falk, Mark Galatowitsch, Bill Garriott, Jayne High, Danielle LaLonde, Tom Lamp, **Ben Leffew (compiler)**, Anne Lubbers, Mark Lucas, Gail Manning, Harold McKinney, Preston Miles, Joni Morgan, Mark Morgan, Eric Mount, Don Pelly, Rob Pendygraft, Janet Pierce, Michaela Rogers, Milton Scarborough, Kate Slankard, Lisa Smentowski, Jeff Sole, Loren Taylor, Patsi Trollinger, and Charles Vahlkamp.

The weather was rainy and windy during the early morning hours for the count this year. While one group was able to identify some owls, most participants were unable to get into the field to record observations until later in the morning. While the overall number of species observed was not far off from years past, the weather was the single most influential factor affecting the CBC in 2018.

Falmouth - KYFA (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, KY; 38.74738°N, -84.24473°W). Habitat as described in 2011. Jan. 1; 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy with light rain; temp. 40-45°F; wind calm. Open water.

Three observers in three parties. Total party-hours 16.25 (7.25 on foot, 9 by car). Total party-miles 51.5 (6.5 on foot, 45 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 44; 742 individuals.

Observers: Rodney Crice (compiler), Kathi Hutton, and Ron Lusby.

Very cloudy day with periods of drizzle. Rivers and creeks were very muddy and high. Only 3 participants this year, 1 in OH and 2 in KY.

Frankfort - KYFR (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center jct. US 127 and KY 1900; 38.227051°N, -84.852521°W). Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 15; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Cloudy with heavy and light rain in the morning, light rain in the afternoon; temp. 48-53°F; wind NE, 0-14 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirty observers in two to eleven parties. Total party-hours 39.5 (25.25 on foot, 16.75 by car). Total party-miles 125.75 (16.75 on foot, 109 by car). Hours owling 0; feeder hours 2.25. Total species 59; 3,527 individuals.

Observers: Joyce Bender, Robert Chadwick, Leslie Cobb, Nat Colton, Barb Cornett, Samantha Engstrom, Leah Godlaski, **Peggy Gould (compiler)**, Ralph Gould, Laura Gregg, Scott Hankla, Bridget Harris-Richardson, Heather Housman, Jeri Howell, Jeff Jones, Joel Jones, Bill Klier, Sherrel Landis Davis, Robert Laurenson, Susan Laurenson, Kristin Nelson, Mary Newton, Jutta Putz, Tommy Quarles, Adam Richardson, Geoffrey Roberts, Tanner Shepard, Edwin Shouse, Mary Shouse, David Slezak, Gary Sprandel, and Brent Sweger.

As with many other places in Kentucky, 2018 was the wettest year in history for the Frankfort area, and bird count day added to that! However, that did not deter our counters, giving us the highest participant total in recent memory, and many of those participants were 1st-timers!

The occasional heavy rain in the morning and fog in the afternoon probably contributed to the low numbers of raptors, but we had some very healthy totals of many others, one of the most notable being the Carolina Wren (92).

This was the 1st time the Frankfort count was graced with the appearance of a Great Egret! It was first spotted and photographed during count week, but it was nice enough to stay around for another photo on count day itself! All in all, a very successful count day!

Henry County - KYHE (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at intersection

of Happy Ridge Road and Woods Pike Road; 38.39183°N, -85.03719°W). Habitat to be described. Jan 5; 7:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. EST. Sky clear; temp. 37-55°F; wind NW 5-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Six observers in one to three parties. Total party-hours: 26.25 (1 on foot, 7 by car, and 18.25 by bicycle). Total party-miles: 121.5 (1 on foot, 43 by car, and 77.5 by bicycle). Hours owling 0. Total species 58; 3,886 individuals.

Observers: Lindsey McMahon, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., Adam Raber, Joel Raber, Moses Raber, and **Reuben Raber (compiler)**.

As far as weather, it was very good, with lows in the 30s and highs in the 50s with a totally clear sky. Seven Cackling Geese and a Loggerhead Shrike were some of the best birds we had. It was a pleasure having Brainard and Lindsey helping us. Thank you, everybody!

Kleber Wildlife Management Area - KYKL (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at Hensler, Owen Co.; 38.463333°N, -84.776749°W). Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 17; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Clear skies; temp. 32-46°F; wind calm. Water open.

Three observers in one party. Total party-hours 9.5 (6 on foot, 3.5 by car). Total party-miles 56.5 (3.25 on foot, 53.25 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 44; 1,006 individuals.

Observers: David Jones, **Jeff Jones (compiler)**, and Joel Jones.

A clear, calm day. Birds were plentiful in the AM, but went into hiding after noon. Streams, especially the Kentucky River, were at near flood stage. Approximately 150 Black Vultures were observed simultaneously perched on a power transmission tower.

Lexington - KYLE (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center East Hickman Church on Tates Creek Road; 37.922732°N, -84.471872°W). Habitat: suburban farms, woodlots, water company reservoirs, Kentucky River cliffs and bottomland. Dec. 15; 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy with light rain; temp. 48-51°F; wind NE 4-6 m.p.h. Water open.

Forty-two observers in 12 parties. Total party-hours 68 (20 by foot, 48 by car). Total party-miles 270 (17 by foot, 253 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 83; 12,444 individuals.

Observers: Thad Bishop, Kyle Bixler, Nancy Braun, Tony Brusate, Jan Clark, Lisa Combs, Corey Critchfield, Dani D'Antonio, Mark Ernstes, Mark Farman, Susan Garnett, Ann Gossage, Jim Hodge, Kevin Hopper, Beverly James, Pearl James, Stephan Johnsrud, Allen Kingsland, Betsy Lang, David Lang, Mike Lauer, Judy Lundquist, Scott Marsh, Betty Maxon, Josie Miller, Kay Neikirk, Teresa Noel, Ronan O'Carra, Germaine O'Connell, Sydney Penner, Susan Pollack, Vicki Reed, Layton Register, Lana Sanford, Lou Shain, Nathan Skinner, Dave Svetich, Laurie Thomas, **Mark Tower (compiler)**, Charles Tremoulet, George Weams, and Tina Zheng.

The weather during our count was a highlight (or rather a lowlight), with on/off drizzle all day. Highlights included raptors (both diurnal and nocturnal) with 4 species of owl (including Barred and Short-eared), Red-shouldered Hawk and Northern Harrier (neither seen every year) and Merlin. We also recorded Wood Duck and Common Loon, neither of which have been seen on the count in several years. Biggest miss was Pine Siskin, which seemed to be relatively common around the area on non-count days.

Louisville - KYLO (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center junction of Hwy 42 and old Hwy 22; 38.28126°N, -85.63481°W). Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 16; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 40-53°F; wind NW, 5-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Fifty-four observers in 15-22 parties. Total party-hours 107 (70.5 on foot, 36.5 by car). Total party-miles 381 (66.5 on foot, 314.5 by car). Hours owling 2.5; feeder hours 0.5. Total species 95; 12,014 individuals.

Observers: Ryan Ankeny, Michael Autin, Jamie Baker, Rob Baker, Brenda Bauer, Tom Becker, Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Carol Besse, Wanda Bilkey, Warren Bilkey, JoAnn Bochmann,

Karen Bonsell, Meg Brown, Steve Brown, Mike Callan, Dona Coates, Marge Constan, Colleen Craven-Becker, Wes Cunningham, Rod Goforth, Charles Hatten, Eric Hope, Bob Johnson, John Krull, Rob Lane, David Lusk, Terri Lusk, JoAnn Luyster, Richard Mayfield, Lindsey McMahon, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Bill Parsley, Lee Payne, Bill Pike, Patrice Pittman, Jan Raia, Christine Ransdell, Eden Ransdell, Samantha Ransdell, Taylor Ransdell, Peggy Renn, Michael Riggs, Tim Ritter, Steve Rogers, Tom Sklodoski, Pam Spaulding, Dave Stewart, Nancy Vance, Major Waltman, **James Wheat (compiler)**, and Barbara Woerner.

Good species variety on count day. One Black Scoter was seen on the river, and 2 Great Egrets were seen in the count circle. There was a high count of 231 Back Vultures. This is the fifth year running that Merlin has appeared on count day. Finally, one Black-and-white Warbler was a first for this CBC's 85-year history and the only one recorded in the state's CBCs this year. Thanks to all participants and section leaders; thanks to the Beckham Bird Club for sponsoring, and the team at The Blankenbaker for hosting the compilation dinner.

Richmond - KYRI (all points within a 15-mile diameter, center ca. 0.7 air miles e. of junction of US 25 and KY 1983 (White Station Road); 37.6311°N, -84.2638°W. Habitat: 20% fencerows and roadsides, 20% woodland, 55% pasture/open fields, 4% lawns and 1% lakes and ponds. Dec. 16; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy, no rain; temp. 38-45°F; wind SW, 0-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Six observers in one to three parties. Total party-hours 15 (2 on foot, 13 by car). Total party-miles 156 (3 on foot, 153 by car). Hours owling 0; feeder hours 0.5. Total species 57; 2,196 individuals.

Observers: John Abrams, Michael Patton, Brianna Ritchison, **Gary Ritchison (compiler)**, Tameria Ritchison, and CareyJo Titus.

Shelbyville - KYSH (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center three-quarters of a mile s. of US 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714; 38.18997°N, -85.14535°W). Elevation 640-1190 ft. Habitat: farmland, fallow land, suburban, woodland, and grassland. Dec. 16; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky clear; temp. 44-48°F; wind NW 0-10 m.p.h. Water open.

Thirteen observers in one to six parties. Total party-hours 41 (5.5 on foot, 35.5 by car). Total party-miles 331 (8.25 on foot, 322.75 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 56; 4,253 individuals.

Observers: Lori Ault, Brian Baker, **Horace Brown (compiler)**, Joan Brown, Sean Brown, Todd Brown, Kevin Flowers, Laura Flowers, Kathy King, Walt Reichart, Jean Riddell, Josh Riddell, and Benton Young.

Warsaw – KYWA (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County Courthouse; 38.78387°N, -84.90227°W). Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 16; 6:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. Sky cloudy, no rain; temp. 37-46°F; wind 6-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Eight observers in three to four parties. Total party-hours 24 (3.5 on foot, 20.5 by car). Total party-miles 170 (4 on foot, 166 by car). Hours owling 2. Total species 55; 2,119 individuals.

Observers: Kimmy Birrer, **Joe Caminiti (compiler)**, **Kathy Caminiti (compiler)**, Lisa Combs, Carol Hummel, Tommy Stephens, Dave Svetich, and Maddie Varias.

We were unable to gain access to the Ghent Power Plant this year, resulting in lower than normal waterfowl numbers. Along the Ohio River and along the Eagle Creek area, a total of 6 Bald Eagles were counted.

EASTERN MOUNTAIN COAL FIELDS (EMtns) – 3 counts

Ashland, Boyd County - KYAL (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at 3722 Emitt Drive, Ashland, KY; 38.466993°N, -82.699916°W) and including portions of adjacent Lawrence County, OH, and Wayne County, WV). Habitat: 60% forest, 20% suburban, 15%

roadside and brush edges, 3% open land, and 2% open water and streams. Dec 27; 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. Clear morning, light rain in afternoon; temp. 30-54°F; wind SE 0-18 m.p.h. Water open.

Three observers in one party; one feeder watcher. Total party-hours: 9.5 (4 on foot, 5.5 by car). Total party-miles: 83.5 (5.5 on foot, 82 by car). Hours owling 1.5; feeder hours 4. Total species 61; 3,878 individuals.

Observers: Beverly Canterbury, Lucas Canterbury. **Ronald Canterbury (compiler)**, and Sheri Holsinger.

The Ashland, Boyd County, KY CBC was conducted on 23 December 2018. Despite periods of morning rain, three field observers and 1 observer at a bird feeder managed to tally 52 species. Highlights included high counts for this CBC since inception for Wood Duck, Ruffed Grouse, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow. Bird movement was fairly robust during the morning hours and tapered to almost nothing post-1100 hour. A Red-headed Woodpecker was a significant find for this count area

Cumberland Falls - KYCF (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center on upper Bark Camp Creek; 36.889994°N, -84.261105°W). Habitat: mostly forest; 70% upland oak and pine, mixed forest, and hemlock forest, 20% in small rural home lots, small farm holdings, and minimal residential and urban areas, one large reservoir (Laurel River Lake), and about 17 miles of Cumberland River/Lake Cumberland and its riparian forest. Dec. 15; 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST; sky cloudy with light rain; temp. 48-53°F; wind S, 0-5 m.p.h. Water open.

Seven observers in two to four parties. Total party-hours 32.25 (7.25 on foot, 25 by car). Total party-miles 229.5 (2.5 on foot, 227 by car). Hours owling 0. Total species 61; 1,454 individuals.

Observers: Sara Ash, Roseanna Denton, Steve Denton, **Bret Kuss (compiler)**, Lynda Mills, Tom Mills, and Renee Yetter.

Temperatures were mild for the Cumberland Falls CBC with overcast skies and light rain dominating, but with a few intermittent breaks. With 7 observers in 4 parties, there was one less party this year than in the previous few years. Although each group noticed some glaring omissions individually, altogether the species list included most of the expected species with the exception of the Rock Pigeon. Noteworthy observations included the first Palm Warbler on the Cumberland Falls count and Common Merganser for the second year in a row.

London - KYLD (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at jct. Rte. 3432 and US 25; 37.135376°N, -84.094161°W). Habitat as described in 2014. Dec. 19; 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Sky partly cloudy in the morning; partly clear in the afternoon; temp. 29-55°F; wind SW, 0-8 m.p.h. Water open.

Twelve observers in five parties. Total party-hours 42.5 (5 on foot, 37. 5 by car). Total party-miles 297. 5 (1.5 on foot, 296 by car). Hours owling 0.5. Total species 62; 4,667 individuals.

Observers: Wendi Allen (compiler), Abi Dixon, Joyce Haywood, Gay Hodges, Amelia Howard, Beth Howard, Bret Kuss, Barbara McIntosh, Arlene Morton, Marie Oakley, Randy Oakley, and Alainey Robinson.

The day was pretty uneventful and we did not see the number of birds that we had seen in prior years. We did get a new species on the count, the Brown-headed Nuthatch which I don't think we have ever found on our Christmas Bird Count before. The weather was truly decent for the count, which made it harder to understand the fewer number of birds overall. This has been an extremely wet year in our area, as it has been across Kentucky, and we are not sure how this might have impacted the count.

This year we lost one of our founders of the London Christmas Bird Count, Mr. Granville Cox, age 79. Granville and his wife Thelma were such a vital help to us on our count and had

been with us from the start, heralding us on, and teaching us every step of the way. Granville had been dealing with cancer for the past three years and fought a valiant fight, up until his death. He was the embodiment of a true birder, and his time spent with each of us will forever mark our love of birding and the outdoors.

2018-2019 Kentucky Christmas Bird Count: number of birds per hour by region

The following table shows the average number of birds observed per hour, with darker shading indicating higher-frequency species. The table summarizes CBC results by five regions. Detailed data by individual CBC are posted on the Kentucky Ornithological Society at https://www.birdky.org/christmas-bird-counts.html.

[*Technical notes:* Using number of birds per party-hour makes results more comparable across CBCs that vary in number of participants. If desired, the actual count can be closely approximated by multiplying the birds-per-hour rate by the total party hours. Using party hours avoids double-counting time in the field. As an example, 4 people birding together for 3 hours yields 3 (not 12) party hours.]

2018-2019 Kentucky Christmas Bird Count: number of birds per hour by region

Species	JackPr	WCoal	Penny	BG	EMtns	Total
Snow Goose	**292.0**	**16.9**	*[2]*	*[1]*		**18.1**
Ross's Goose	0.3		*[3]*			*[23]*
Greater White-fronted Goose	**65.7**		*[12]*			3.7
Cackling Goose	*[1]*		*[10]*	*[7]*		*[18]*
Canada Goose	**7.1**	**5.2**	4.4	**7.8**	**6.3**	**6.0**
Mute Swan			*[1]*	*[5]*	*[2]*	*[8]*
Wood Duck	0.1		*[26]*	*[21]*	*[3]*	*[57]*
Northern Shoveler	*[1]*		0.2	0.2		0.1
Gadwall	**7.2**	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.9
American Wigeon	0.6	*[3]*	*[9]*	*[3]*		*[58]*
Mallard	**73.1**	3.0	3.1	3.0	1.6	**6.9**
American Black Duck	*[5]*	*[10]*	*[36]*	*[26]*	0.2	*[90]*
Northern Pintail	0.9		*[5]*	*[1]*		*[66]*
Green-winged Teal	0.1		0.1	*[39]*		*[116]*
Canvasback			*[5]*	*[10]*		*[15]*
Redhead		*[3]*	*[21]*	*[9]*	*[2]*	*[35]*
Ring-necked Duck	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Greater Scaup	*[4]*		1.5	*[2]*		0.6
Lesser Scaup	3.5		1.2	*[16]*	*[1]*	0.7
Black Scoter				*[1]*		*[1]*
Long-tailed Duck			*[1]*			*[1]*
Bufflehead	1.3		0.1	*[17]*	*[3]*	0.1
Common Goldeneye	3.2		1.0	*[9]*		0.6
Hooded Merganser	0.2		1.0	1.4	0.2	0.9
Common Merganser			*[6]*	*[2]*	*[2]*	*[10]*
Red-breasted Merganser			*[1]*	*[1]*		*[2]*
Ruddy Duck	*[2]*		*[18]*	*[21]*		*[41]*
Northern Bobwhite		0.2	*[25]*	*[2]*		*[45]*
Wild Turkey	0.6	0.2	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.9

Species	JackPr	WCoal	Penny	BG	EMtns	Total
Pied-billed Grebe	0.1	0.2	0.6	*[18]*	0.2	0.3
Horned Grebe	0.5		0.7	*[27]*	*[2]*	0.3
Eared Grebe			*[3]*			*[3]*
Rock Pigeon	*[5]*	2.4	2.2	2.5	**11.8**	2.9
Eurasian Collared-Dove	0.1	0.3	*[31]*	*[20]*		*[97]*
Mourning Dove	2.5	**6.2**	**9.8**	**6.1**	**8.9**	**7.5**
Virginia Rail		*[1]*				*[1]*
American Coot	0.2		0.3	*[4]*		0.1
Sandhill Crane		*[9]*	**5.7**	*[19]*		2.3
Killdeer	1.7	0.3	3.6	0.3	0.2	1.7
American Woodcock	*[6]*	*[5]*	*[4]*			*[15]*
Wilson's Snipe	*[3]*	*[2]*	0.3	*[9]*		0.1
Bonaparte's Gull	2.4	*[2]*	**9.4**	*[7]*	*[1]*	3.9
Ring-billed Gull	0.2	*[2]*	**15.4**	0.5	0.2	**6.3**
Herring Gull	*[4]*		0.2	*[7]*		*[103]*
Lesser Black-backed Gull			*[4]*			*[4]*
Forster's Tern	0.5		*[3]*			*[37]*
Red-throated Loon			*[1]*			*[1]*
Common Loon	*[6]*		0.1	*[5]*		*[67]*
Double-crested Cormorant			1.2	0.1	*[6]*	0.5
American White Pelican	*[2]*		0.9			0.4
Great Blue Heron	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Great Egret			*[1]*	*[5]*		*[6]*
Black-crowned Night-Heron				*[8]*		*[8]*
Black Vulture	3.3	0.6	2.8	2.3	0.4	2.2
Turkey Vulture	1.2	1.1	2.6	0.5	0.5	1.4
Golden Eagle			*[2]*	*[3]*		*[5]*
Northern Harrier	*[5]*	0.2	0.1	*[9]*	*[4]*	*[104]*
Sharp-shinned Hawk	*[3]*	*[5]*	*[10]*	*[12]*	*[3]*	*[33]*
Cooper's Hawk	*[1]*	*[7]*	*[29]*	*[31]*	0.1	*[78]*
Bald Eagle	0.5	*[10]*	0.2	*[31]*	*[3]*	0.1
Red-shouldered Hawk	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Red-tailed Hawk	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6
Barn Owl			*[10]*			*[10]*
Eastern Screech-Owl	*[2]*	*[2]*	*[11]*	*[16]*	*[2]*	*[33]*
Great Horned Owl	*[3]*	*[3]*	*[29]*	*[14]*	*[3]*	*[52]*
Barred Owl	0.2	*[4]*	*[29]*	*[4]*	*[4]*	*[55]*
Short-eared Owl		*[3]*	*[5]*	*[3]*		*[11]*
Belted Kingfisher	*[2]*	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Red-headed Woodpecker	0.4	0.3	0.4	*[14]*	0.1	0.2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0.1	0.1	0.2	*[35]*	*[8]*	0.1
Downy Woodpecker	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8
Hairy Woodpecker	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	*[3]*	0.1
Northern Flicker	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.8
Pileated Woodpecker	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
American Kestrel	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.9
Merlin	*[1]*	*[2]*	*[2]*	*[2]*	*[3]*	*[10]*
Peregrine Falcon			*[1]*	*[4]*		*[5]*

Species	JackPr	WCoal	Penny	BG	EMtns	Total
Eastern Phoebe	0.2	*[6]*	0.1	*[8]*	0.1	*[105]*
SAY'S PHOEBE			*[1]*			*[1]*
Loggerhead Shrike	*[3]*	*[2]*	*[13]*	*[6]*		*[24]*
White-eyed Vireo	*[1]*					*[1]*
Blue Jay	2.2	**7.5**	**6.0**	3.0	2.5	4.6
American Crow	3.2	**5.7**	**5.3**	3.7	**21.7**	**5.7**
Fish Crow	cw					cw
Horned Lark	3.0	1.5	2.4	*[32]*	0.1	1.3
Carolina Chickadee	2.0	1.2	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.0
Tufted Titmouse	3.5	1.2	2.0	1.4	2.0	1.7
Red-breasted Nuthatch	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.2	*[6]*	0.4
White-breasted Nuthatch	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Brown-headed Nuthatch					*[2]*	*[2]*
Brown Creeper	0.2	*[10]*	0.2	0.1	*[2]*	0.1
House Wren	*[1]*		*[7]*		*[2]*	*[10]*
Winter Wren	*[2]*	*[6]*	*[39]*	*[16]*	*[7]*	*[70]*
Marsh Wren		*[2]*	*[1]*			*[3]*
Carolina Wren	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0.1	0.1	*[41]*	*[16]*	*[5]*	*[83]*
Eastern Bluebird	2.2	1.5	3.3	1.0	1.9	2.1
Hermit Thrush	0.5	0.1	*[38]*	*[19]*	0.2	0.1
American Robin	**6.0**	3.7	4.5	**6.3**	2.4	**5.0**
Gray Catbird			*[1]*	*[2]*	*[1]*	*[4]*
Brown Thrasher	0.3	0.1	0.1	*[8]*	*[3]*	*[96]*
Northern Mockingbird	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.8
European Starling	**20.6**	**35.5**	**88.9**	**44.0**	**25.3**	**58.3**
Cedar Waxwing	1.4	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.5
House Sparrow	0.9	0.5	1.8	1.1	2.0	1.4
American Pipit	*[6]*		0.5			0.2
House Finch	0.9	0.7	2.0	0.9	0.4	1.3
Purple Finch	0.3	0.5	0.3	*[6]*	*[2]*	0.2
Pine Siskin	0.1		*[13]*	*[31]*		*[52]*
American Goldfinch	1.3	1.5	2.9	2.0	1.5	2.2
Lapland Longspur	0.4		0.3			0.1
Eastern Towhee	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.6
American Tree Sparrow		*[3]*	*[10]*	0.3		0.1
Chipping Sparrow		*[2]*	0.4	*[40]*	0.3	0.2
Field Sparrow	1.5	0.6	2.2	0.9	0.4	1.4
Savannah Sparrow	0.8	0.2	0.7	*[34]*		0.4
LeConte's Sparrow	*[5]*	*[1]*				*[6]*
Fox Sparrow	0.4	0.2	0.2	*[14]*	*[3]*	0.1
Song Sparrow	2.9	2.7	4.9	2.3	2.5	3.4
Lincoln's Sparrow			*[1]*			*[1]*
Swamp Sparrow	2.0	0.8	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.9
White-throated Sparrow	**5.4**	2.5	3.4	2.4	1.3	2.9
White-crowned Sparrow	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.7
Dark-eyed Junco	4.8	4.1	3.8	1.5	3.7	3.0
Eastern Meadowlark	1.2	0.7	2.2	0.8	0.6	1.4

Species	JackPr	WCoal	Penny	BG	EMtns	Total
Red-winged Blackbird	**10.7**	**33.7**	**46.5**	0.5	*[3]*	**22.6**
Brown-headed Cowbird	3.9	0.4	**18.8**	1.4		**8.3**
Rusty Blackbird	1.2	0.2	0.5	*[2]*		0.3
Brewer's Blackbird			*[4]*			*[4]*
Common Grackle	**21.4**	**856.7**	**25.7**	0.4	*[3]*	**95.1**
Black-and-white Warbler				*[1]*		*[1]*
Orange-crowned Warbler			cw			cw
Common Yellowthroat				*[1]*	*[1]*	*[2]*
Palm Warbler			*[10]*	*[1]*	*[5]*	*[16]*
Pine Warbler			*[3]*			*[3]*
Yellow-rumped Warbler	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Northern Cardinal	4.7	3.1	**5.0**	4.4	**5.1**	4.6
Total Party Hours	**69**	**119**	**482**	**461**	**84**	**1,215**
Total Species	**105**	**90**	**129**	**115**	**86**	**138**
Total Individuals	**40,658**	**120,514**	**156,670**	**54,297**	**9,999**	**382,138**
# of sites	2	5	15	12	3	37
from date	17 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec
to date	5 Jan	30 Dec	5 Jan	5 Jan	27 Dec	5 Jan

Note: "cw" (count week) denotes species seen within three days before or three days after count day, but not on count day. *[Italics]* display the actual count in brackets, if the rate per hour would be less than 0.1.

Blackburnian Warbler – *Jefferson*
23 September 2018, Tom Bennett

Vesper Sparrow – *Jefferson*, 3 November 2018
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

Dark-eyed Junco – *Warren*
30 November 2018, Rickey Shive

Red-breasted Nuthatch – *Henderson*
25 October 2018, Charlie Crawford

FIELD NOTE

Peregrine Falcon 2018 Nesting Season

During the 2018 nesting season, 20 territories were occupied by at least one adult Peregrine Falcon, 17 territories had territorial pairs. (This count includes the Russell-Ironton bridge pair, monitored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.) Fifteen territorial pairs attempted to nest, with 14 successful nests, and one failed nesting attempt. This season, 47 eggs were documented, 40 chicks hatched, and 33 young fledged.

Ten nesting pairs utilized nest boxes supplied by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) on manmade structures (buildings, power stacks, and bridges). These nests produced 25 young. Three nests were observed on bridges, not within nest boxes, with all three successfully fledging young (total of 6 young). Two nesting attempts were documented on cliffs, one on a retired quarry (manmade) and the other on a natural cliff. The quarry nest produced 2 young; unfortunately, the natural cliff nest failed.

Distribution of Peregrine Falcon territories by county

County	# of territories
Carroll	3
Jefferson	3
Greenup	2
Mason	2
Trimble	2
Boone	1
Daviess	1
Fayette	1
Franklin	1
Marshall	1
Mercer	1
Pendleton	1
Union	1
Total	**20**

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird – *Lincoln*, 6 September 2018
Jackie Elmore

NEWS AND VIEWS

Virginia and Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Award

The Virginia and Wendell Kingsolver Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 to honor the memory of Virginia "Ginny" Kingsolver and the legacy and contributions she and her husband Wendell made to KOS and to environmental education efforts across Kentucky. The Scholarship is available to young birders between the ages of 13 and 18 who live in Kentucky. The Scholarship will pay tuition for young birders to attend an American Birding Association (ABA) Summer Camp. To apply for a Kingsolver Scholarship, applicants should fill out the form found on the KOS website (http://birdky.org/wendell-and-ginny-kingsolver-fund.html), write a short essay (500 words or less) on why they want to attend, and provide a brief recommendation from a parent, teacher, or mentor. Scholarship recipients will be asked to report on their Camp experience, either in person at a KOS meeting, to their local bird club, or in writing. Scholarship applications are due by May 1 each year, however grants will be subject to ABA camp's space availability.

Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund Grants Available

The Anne L. Stamm Avian Education Fund supports education of children in the appreciation of birds and ornithology. For guidelines on how to apply for grants up to $500, please contact Scott Marsh by mail at 441 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY 40509, or via email at scott.marsh@twc.com.

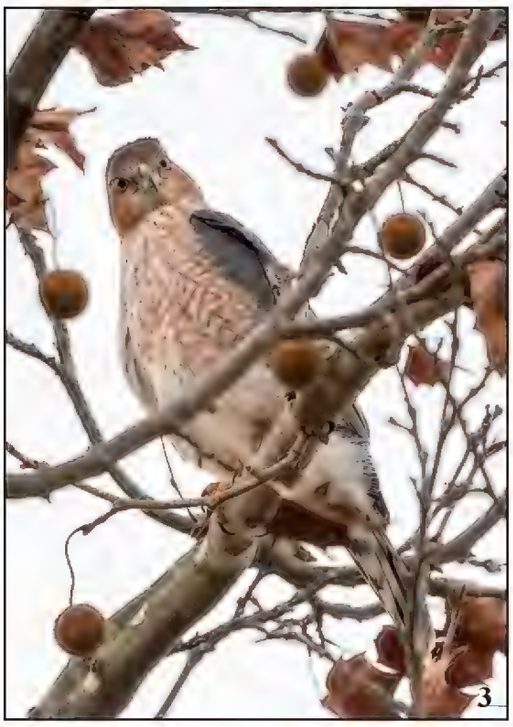
Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Fund Grants Available

The Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Fund supports research on birds in Kentucky with monetary awards up to $1,000. For guidelines on how to apply, visit the KOS website (http://birdky.org/burt-monroe-jr-fund.html), or contact Kate Slankard, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, or via email at kate.slankard@ky.gov.

Bonaparte's Gull – *Marshall*, 11 November 2018
Jamie Baker

Northern Shoveler – *Jefferson*, 26 November 2018
Sunil Thirkannad

"Krider's" Red-tailed Hawk – *Todd*
28 October 2018, Sharon Arnold



1. Black-throated Blue Warbler – *Harlan,* 15 September 2018, Tommy Quarles; **2. Clay-colored Sparrow** – *Lincoln*, 12 October 2018, Jackie Elmore; **3. Cooper's Hawk** – *Jefferson*, 24 November 2018, Greg Walker; **4. Glaucous Gull** – *Marshall*, 24 November 2018, Clay Bliznick; **5. Rock Wren** – *Henderson*, 23 October 2018, Charlie Crawford; **6. Dickcissel** – *Jefferson*, 3 November 2018, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

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THE COVER

We thank Clay Bliznick for his photograph of a California Gull (*Larus californicus*) at the WastePath / Clean Earth Facility, Marshall County, 8 February 2019.

KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS) SPRING MEETING
John James Audubon State Park, 26-28 April 2019
Linda Craiger, KOS Secretary

John James Audubon State Park is located on U.S. Route 41 in Henderson, Kentucky, just south of the Ohio River. Its inspiration is John James Audubon, the ornithologist, naturalist, and painter who resided in Henderson from 1810 to 1819.

Friday, 26 April

Clay Bliznick, trip leader, along with about 30 people, birded the John James Audubon State Park, identifying a variety of migrants as well as year-round resident birds.

6:00 p.m Steve and Janet Kistler conducted registration for the meeting.

7:00 p.m. Jeff Sole, President, welcomed attendees to the meeting. He described the objectives of KOS as promoting birding and bird conservation and emphasized the importance of introducing young people to birding. Jeff had Board members introduce themselves. Steve Kistler, Treasurer, announced that KOS has 22 new members so far this year and that the new memberships resulted mostly from the introduction of electronic enrollment via the KOS web page.

The evening meeting presentations began with Steve Kistler's bird quiz, a highly anticipated tradition at recent meetings. Steve challenges attendees to identify birds from photos that show only tiny portions of each bird. He then reveals the entire photo and asks for a final identification.

Pam Spaulding presented "Birding Kentucky with a Camera, 2018," a compilation of photos sent to her from members. Pam's beautiful presentation included a wide variety of birds, including some with sound added.

Sunni Carr, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Non-game Program Coordinator, presented an informative program on Kentucky Wild. She reviewed how KDFWR is funded. She then stated how all money donated to Kentucky Wild will be used for conservation, habitat restoration, and the promotion of wildlife diversity. She showed a video on how Kentucky Wild works for non-game wildlife. She presented information on Recovering America's Wildlife Act legislation. If the legislation is passed, KDFWR will receive additional federal money. She also shared Monarch Butterfly information and flower seeds for interested folks to take with them.

Jeff reviewed field trips for Saturday morning and afternoon, adjourning the meeting at 8:40 p.m. A social time with refreshments followed.

Saturday, 27 April

8 a.m. Field Trips included:

Henderson Sloughs WMA - Sauerheber Unit - led by Greg Buckart
Big Rivers WMA - led by John Zimmer (KDFWR)
John J. Audubon State Park Beginner's Walk - led by Teresa Noel and Jennifer Snyder
Higginson-Henry WMA - led by Curt Devine

Green River State Forest and WMA - led by Jeff Sole
Henderson County Big Day - led by Brainard Palmer-Bell
Cane Ridge FWA (IN) - led by Clay Bliznick

1:00 p.m. Field Trips included:

West Henderson Shorebird Spots - led by Jeff Sole
Audubon Wetlands - led by Teresa Noel and Jennifer Snyder
Wildflower walk - Steve and Janet Kistler

7:00 p.m. Evening meeting

President Jeff Sole opened the meeting and advised the attendees of the KOS information available at the registration desk. Linda Craiger tallied birds from the Friday and Saturday observations. A total of 156 species had been noted for the two days, with a discrepancy of whether there were Greater and Lesser Scaup, or just Lesser, in Indiana. Decision was to leave the identification as Greater/Lesser.

Clay announced Sunday morning Field Trips:
Sloughs WMA-Sauerheber Unit - led by Clay Biznick
Sandy Watkins Park and Recreation Area - led by Teresa Noel

The feature presentation was "Conserving Birds through a Full Life-Cycle Approach" by Andrew Roth, Migratory Bird Program Director for the American Bird Conservancy (ABC). He discussed ABC's efforts to eliminate threats, conserve and restore habitat, and provide links between birds and people throughout the Americas. He discussed the decline of migratory bird numbers and Forest Management Guidelines developed to slow the decline. He presented an overview of BirdScapes within functional landscapes. He stated ABC was providing incentives to improve farming practices and avoid negative impacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. A social time followed.

Spring KOS Meeting Bird List

There were intermittent periods of sun and drizzle during the weekend. Daytime temperatures were in the 50-70° range. The following birds were reported: from in the greater Henderson County area, including Hancock County, Kentucky, and Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall+, American Wigeon+, Mallard, Greater Scaup+, Bufflehead+, Common Goldeneye+, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser+, Ruddy Duck+, Northern Bobwhite, Wild Turkey, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe+, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Sora, American Coot+, Black-necked Stilt, Killdeer, Long-billed Dowitcher, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Greater Yellowlegs, Ring-billed Gull+, Caspian Tern+, Forster's Tern+, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-

Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, White-eyed Vireo, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, House Sparrow, American Pipit, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Worm-eating Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Northern Waterthrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel.

The final tally for the weekend was 146 species in Kentucky and 11 species plus an indeterminate scaup in Indiana for a total of 158.

Attendance at the Spring 2019 KOS Meeting

Win Ahrens	Prospect
Bonnie Avery	Upton
Gage Barnes	Murray
Tom Becker	Floyds Knob, IN
Jane Bell	Louisville
Pat Bell	Louisville
Sarah Bell	Hopkinsville
Joyce Bender	Frankfort
Carol Besse	Louisville
Clay Bliznick	Hartford
Nancy Braun	Lexington
Fred Busroe	Morehead
Katie Busroe	Morehead
Hap Chambers	Murray
Linda Craiger	Glasgow
Colleen Craven-Becker	Floyds Knob, IN
Rodney Crice	Independence
Bruce Cryder	Nicholasville
Roseanna Denton	Science Hill
Blaine Ferrell	Bowling Green
Preston Forsythe	Browder
Shari Forsythe	Browder
Joyce Fry	Frankfort
Steve Graham	Greenville
Teresa Graham	Greenville

Bettina Ivy ..... Mayfield
Janet Kistler ..... Munfordville
Steve Kistler ..... Munfordville
Rob Lane ..... Louisville
Betsy Lang ..... Georgetown
David Lang ..... Georgetown
David Lusk ..... Louisville
Terri Lusk ..... Louisville
Teresa Noel ..... Lexington
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. ..... Louisville
Josh Powell ..... Benton
Phil Powell ..... Madisonville
Tommy Quarles ..... Frankfort
Rickey Shive ..... Bowling Green
Jennifer Snyder ..... Elizabethtown
Jeff Sole ..... Frankfort
Charles Sorensen ..... Mt. Vernon, IN
Sharon Sorensen ..... Mt. Vernon, IN
Pam Spaulding ..... Louisville
Annie Sqro ..... Bardstown
Frank Sqro ..... Bardstown
Jan Stogner ..... Murray
Sunil Thirkannad ..... Prospect
Debby Tyson ..... Adairville
Steve Tyson ..... Adairville
James Wheat ..... Louisville
Brian Wulker ..... Cincinnati, OH
Ben Yandell ..... Louisville
Mary Yandell ..... Louisville

54 people attended the meeting.

Trumpeter Swan – *Fulton*, 9 January 2019, Ben Yandell

THE WINTER SEASON, DECEMBER 2018 - FEBRUARY 2019

Ben Yandell

This winter was warmer and wetter than usual, both overall and month by month, and followed a similar pattern across the state. The season's overall average temperature was 3.4°F (1.9°C) warmer than the historical average. January was only slightly above the norm, but December was 4.4°F (2.5°C) and February was 4.9°F (2.7°C) warmer than average. Precipitation totals averaged 67% above average. February was especially wet, with stations averaging 9.2 inches of precipitation for the month, compared to 3.6 inches in an average February. In many locations across Kentucky, 2018 was the wettest year on record. (Based on National Weather Service monthly averages in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Jackson compared to 1981-2010 averages and all-time records.)

Review species reported for the season were TRUMPETER SWAN, CALIFORNIA GULL, BROWN PELICAN, SAY'S PHOEBE, EVENING GROSBEAK (multiple), and a long-staying HARRIS'S SPARROW. Other noteworthy reports include White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Whooping Crane, Glaucous Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Red-throated Loon, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Western Meadowlark, and Summer Tanager.

Publication of any unusual sightings in eBird or in this seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted for inclusion in the official list of Kentucky birds. Reports of rare and out-of-season birds should be accompanied by written and, whenever possible, photographic documentation for review by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC). Decisions regarding the official Kentucky list are made by the KBRC and are reported periodically in *The Kentucky Warbler*. The most recent KBRC decisions were reported in the November 2018 issue (Yandell 2018).

Details of many of the following reports were posted at the time on birdky and are available at eBird.org. December-February eBird reports covered 116 of Kentucky's 120 counties, totaled 168 species, 624 reporting observers, 9275 reports, 101,500 lines of data, 2,300 unduplicated attached photographs or audio files, and 1,361,000 individual birds reported (eliminating duplicate counts by groups and entries with an "x" instead of a number). Observer and photographer names are not always clear in eBird, so the following summary may misidentify observers and roles.

The following highlights summarize locations, dates, and observer initials. Unless noted otherwise, these highlights are based only on eBird data. Documentation method may be noted as follows: wr = written documentation, ph = photograph, vd = video recording, and au = audio recording. Species order is based on AOS 2018. Comments about previous Kentucky bird records rely on the *Annotated Checklist* and updates (Palmer-Ball 2019).

TRUMPETER SWAN – Accepted by KBRC. 2 adults and 1 immature in agricultural fields n. of Long Point, 20 December-25 February (wr ph BY, m.ob.).

White-winged Scoter – 1 continued at Lake Liberty, *Casey,* 5 December (RD). At KY Dam, *Marshall,* 1 on 16 January (wr ph CBz, MM) and 6-7 on 2 February (wr RB, LyB). 1 at Lexington Reservoir #2 & 3, *Fayette,* 1-27 February (ph ROC, ph TrN, wr NBr, m.ob.). 1 at Lower Douglas Lake, *Hardin,* 9 and 27 February (ph MrL). 3 at Owsley Fork Reservoir, *Madison,* 10 February (ph TrN, ph CBz). 1 at Fishing Creek Recreation Area, *Pulaski,* 11 February (ph RD, RB). 1 at Poplar Creek, *Lyon,* 8 February (ph RD).

Black Scoter – 1 continued at Lake Liberty, *Casey,* 5 December (RD). 2 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin,* 1 December (ph JnS,

JrS). 1 continued on the Ohio River in Louisville 1-4 December (m.ob.); 1 there 16 December (wr ph TB, m.ob.).

Black Scoter – *Jefferson*, 2 December 2018, Tommy Quarles

Long-tailed Duck – 1 at Paintsville Lake State Park, *Johnson,* 7 December (ph RyR). 1 at the KY Dam Marina, *Marshall,* 15-16 December (ph HC, ME, JrT, m.ob.). 1 at Lake Peewee, *Hopkins,* 2-6 February (wr ph RcS, m.ob.). 1 at Lexington Reservoir #4, *Fayette,* 8 February (GSm, ph TrN, ph ROC, m.ob.). 1 at Morgan Pond, 24-26 February (DL, JSo, m.ob.).

Red-necked Grebe – *Marshall*, 12 January 2019, Sharon Arnold

Red-necked Grebe – 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall,* 23 December and then scattered dates between 16 January and 8 February (ph CBz, TrN, m.ob.). 3 at Kenlake Marina, *Marshall,* 12-24 January (wr ph ShA, wr ph JoH, Wings of Winter, m.ob.) with 1-2 continuing through 9 February.

Eared Grebe – Continued at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell,* with 1-3 birds reported through at least 21 February (m.ob.). 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall,* 15 December (wr ph HC, ME, JrT).

Virginia Rail – Rare in winter. 1 at Beckley Creek Park, Grand Allee Section, *Jefferson,* 5 December (ph PS, JB, ph PB). 1 in marsh along CR-1005, near Drakesboro, *Muhlenberg,* 30 December (ph TQ, BPB). 2 heard at Adkins Swamp, Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg,* 6 January (TG, SG).

Virginia Rail – *Jefferson*, 5 December 2018, Pam Spaulding

Whooping Crane – [Species shown in italics. Not established and therefore not countable in Kentucky. Exact location withheld.] 6 in *Hopkins,* 12 February (ph CBz), with 1 present on 16 February (CBz, m.ob.).

Pectoral Sandpiper – Unusual for February, 1 along Wash Gunn Road, *Logan,* 27 February (ph FL).

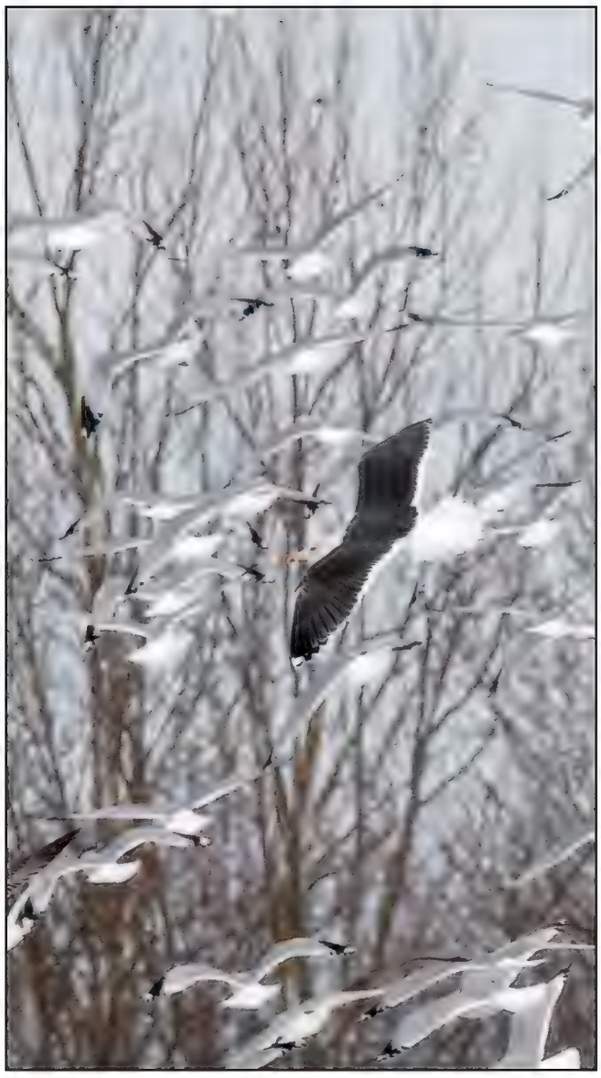
Lesser Yellowlegs – Unusual for February, singles reported at McElroy Lake, *Warren,* 15 and 26 February (ph RcS) and Morgan Pond, 26 February (JoH, TmD).

Franklin's Gull – A few lingered into early December (m.ob.). Very unusual in winter, 1 at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 31 January (wr GrD).

CALIFORNIA GULL – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 8 and 25 February (ph CBz, ph EH, wr ph DL, BPB, m.ob.), with 2 present 1 March.

Lesser Black-backed Gull – A state record high count of 17 (8 adults, 4 first cycle, 5 second cycle) at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 4 December (ph CBz, DnR, BPB, JrT).

Glaucous Gull – As many as 4 first-cycle through the season in *Livingston/Marshall*



Great Black-backed Gull – *Marshall*, 20 January 2019, Graham Gerdeman

near KY Dam and, beginning 21 January, at the WastePath/Clean Earth Facility (ph HC, ph JrT, ph AnL, BPB, CBz, m.ob.).

Great Black-backed Gull – 1 adult at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 20-26 January (wr ph MT, wr ph GrG, AbO, m.ob.) and 1 first-cycle bird, 31 January - 2 February at KY Dam (wr GrD, wr LyB, RB).

Forster's Tern – Small numbers were reported throughout the season in the KY Lake area, *Marshall/Calloway* (m.ob.).

Red-throated Loon – 1 at Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 9 January (wr LyB) and 1-3 reported 4-25 February (ph RD, m.ob.). 1 at Sledd Creek Boat Ramp, *Marshall,* 18 and 25 February (ph CBz, JBa, wr ph DL, ph SG, TG, JSo).

BROWN PELICAN – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at Green Turtle Bay, *Livingston,* 5-8 January (ph CBz, m.ob.).

American Bittern – 1 at Long Point, 15 December (ph CBz, BPB).

Golden Eagle – Several reports. An unusually high count of 5 reported in and near Bernheim Forest, *Nelson,* 3 January (ph MY, ph BY).

SAY'S PHOEBE – Accepted by KBRC. 1 along Bradshaw Road, *Barren,* 18-22 December (ph LyB, wr ph DL, RD, m.ob.); found during the Eastern Allen County CBC.

White-eyed Vireo – Very rare in winter, 1 at Kevil, *McCracken,* 17 December (wr CBz, BPB, MM, BWu).

Blue-headed Vireo – Very rare in winter, 1 at KY Dam Village SRP, Airport Road, *Marshall,* 5 January (ph CBz).

Brown-headed Nuthatch – [Not a review species at these locations.] 2-3 continued through the season at London Ranger District Office, *Laurel* (ph RD, m.ob.). 2 at the KY Dam Airport Road location, *Marshall,* 19 January (Wings of Winter field trip, DSi, m.ob.).

House Wren – Reports continued into January. The latest was 1 in the Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton,* 16 January (ph BPB, ph CBz, MM).

Marsh Wren – *Henderson*, 6 January 2019, Tommy Quarles

Marsh Wren – All reports included. 1 in *Allen*, 18 December (wr JBe, m.ob.). 1-2 at various locations in *Muhlenberg,*

30 December, 6 January, 12 February (wr ph, TG, SG, wr CBz, BPB). 2 at the Sauerheber Unit, 6 January (ph TQ, ph RbC, m.ob.). 1 at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 2 February (wr ph RB, LyB).

EVENING GROSBEAK – Accepted by KBRC: 1 at Surrey Hills Farm, *Jefferson,* 23 December (ph BPB). 2 in *Pulaski,* 30 January (ph RD). 2 in *Franklin,* mid-February (ph KMF). Details and KBRC review pending; non-eBird reports: 1 in *Magoffin*, 14-16 December. 1 in *Hart*, 19 December.

Vesper Sparrow – Rare in winter, 1 w. of Rossington, *McCracken,* 31 December (wr KlM, TdW, part of Mermet Lake [Illinois] CBC).

Grasshopper Sparrow – Extremely rare in winter, 1 at Louisville Landfill, *Jefferson,* 31 January (ph SmF).

LeConte's Sparrow – All reports included. 5 at Ballard WMA, *Ballard,* 17 December (ph AnL, DnR, BPB, m.ob.). 1 at Peabody WMA, Ken Unit, *Ohio,* 30 December (wr BPB, wr TQ, Paradise CBC) and 15 January (ph CBz).

Lincoln's Sparrow – 1 at Long Point, 15 December (ph CBz, BPB). 1 at Lake Barkley Dam, *Lyon,* 5 January (wr CBz).

Harris's Sparrow – *Logan*, 13 January 2019, Stephen Tyson

HARRIS'S SPARROW – Accepted by KBRC. 1 continued through the season at Schochoh, *Logan,* 1 December (ph ST, DT, m.ob.).

Western Meadowlark – 1 near Long Point, 15 December (wr BPB, ph CBz).

Summer Tanager – *Franklin*, 1 December 2018, Angela Wilkins Ellis

2 at Running Slough, *Fulton,* 14 January (wr ph RbS, DnR). 1 at Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton,* 16 January (wr BPB, MM, CBz).

Black-and-white Warbler – Third winter record. 1 at Papa John's Headquarters Lake, *Jefferson,* 16 December (wr ph MiC; part of Louisville CBC).

Black-and-White Warbler – *Jefferson*, 16 December 2018, Michael Callan

Common Yellowthroat – 1 at Long Point, 15 December (ph CBz, BPB). 1 at the Sauerheber Unit, 6 January (wr ph TQ, RbC).

Western Meadowlark – *Fulton*, 15 December 2018, Clay Bliznick

Cape May Warbler – Third winter record. 1 in s. *Oldham,* 4-5 December (wr ph JCl).

Palm Warbler – Reports continued through December. None in January. 1 at William Whitley House State Shrine, *Lincoln,* 18 February (wr DL, ph TQ, JSo). 2 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin,* 26 February (wr JnS).

Summer Tanager – Second winter record. 1 at Frankfort, *Franklin,* late November - mid-January (ph AWE; Facebook).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – Unusual to have three in December. 1 at Slaughters, *Hopkins,* 7 December (ph ChA). 1 near Lakeview Park, *Fayette,* 10 December (ChV, BaV). 1 west of Burnside SP, *Pulaski,* 14 December (wr JmP).

Indigo Bunting – Very rare in winter, 1 at Bugtussle, *Monroe,* seen 29 January, but found dead 31 January (ph ErS).

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LOCATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (*Italics* indicate a county name.)

CBC = Christmas Bird Count
KBRC = Kentucky Bird Records Committee
KY = Kentucky
KY Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*
Lexington, *Fayette*
Long Point = KY portion of the Long Point Unit, Reelfoot NWR, *Fulton*
Louisville, *Jefferson*
Morgan Pond, nw. of Oak Grove, s. *Christian*
RA = Recreation Area
SP = State Park
Sauerheber Unit = Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*
WastePath /Clean Earth Facility, Shar-Cal Road, w. of Calvert City, *Marshall* [Must have your own safety vest to visit this location.]
WMA = Wildlife Management Area

Barn Owl – *Wayne*, 5 January 2019, Ray Bontrager

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SUMMARY OF eBIRD REPORTS
DECEMBER 2018 - FEBRUARY 2019

Ben Yandell and Teresa Noel

This table summarizes eBird reports by species and month. Column headings are as follows:

Species Common name. **ALL CAPS** if the species requires KBRC review. Species name in **bold**, if reported on fewer than 20 lists.
#cos. Number of counties with a report of the species
earliest Date of the first report of the season; blank if the species is usually present before the season begins.
latest Date of the last report of the season; blank if the species is usually present after the season ends.
max Maximum count in a single report.
[month] Number of **reports** [not number of birds] that listed the species during the month, counting grouped reports only once. Comparing across the season's months may give a rough idea of arrival and departure patterns for species that migrate.
counties If species reported in five or fewer counties, lists the counties with a report. Counties listed from most to fewest number of reports.

Example of how to interpret the table

species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	counties
Tundra Swan	3			11	4	2	10	Hopkins, Henderson, Butler

Tundra Swan was reported from 3 counties, and the last column lists those counties. Earliest and latest dates are not shown, because the species had been reported in late November, and Tundra Swan typically continues to be reported after February. The highest count of individual birds was 11. Most of the reports were in February.

December 2018 - February 2019: Summary of eBird reports

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
Snow Goose	24			12000	33	57	24	
Ross's Goose	15			40	18	14	13	
Greater White-fronted Goose	21			2500	28	57	24	
Cackling Goose	14			43	6	16	17	
Canada Goose	85			800	406	642	736	
Mute Swan	10			3	11	28	23	
TRUMPETER SWAN	1	20 Dec	25 Feb	3	2	5	3	Fulton
Tundra Swan	3			11	4	2	10	Hopkins, Henderson, Butler
Wood Duck	42			55	35	27	76	
Blue-winged Teal	5	30 Jan		2		1	10	Puls, Jeff, Warr, Hard, Larue
Northern Shoveler	33			230	69	101	119	
Gadwall	49			400	126	179	172	
American Wigeon	27			200	25	41	61	
Mallard	73			5000	442	579	546	
American Black Duck	34			38	53	60	30	
Northern Pintail	30			250	27	46	69	
Green-winged Teal	30			200	46	58	73	
Canvasback	41			150	18	41	131	
Redhead	46			152	32	103	152	
Ring-necked Duck	52			500	84	80	150	
Greater Scaup	28			64	17	34	87	
Lesser Scaup	41			1215	53	100	139	
White-winged Scoter	7		27 Feb	7	1	1	18	
Black Scoter	3		16 Dec	2	6			Jefferson, Casey, Hardin
Long-tailed Duck	5	7 Dec	26 Feb	1	3		11	Hopk, Fayt, Chrs, Mrsh, John
Bufflehead	38			160	102	130	160	
Common Goldeneye	38			450	69	119	115	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
Hooded Merganser	50			400	136	181	130	
Common Merganser	14			8	16	23	13	
Red-breasted Merganser	20			85	20	11	41	
Ruddy Duck	25			85	49	46	67	
Northern Bobwhite	15			20	11	15	8	
Ruffed Grouse	1			1	1			Wolfe
Wild Turkey	55			164	77	69	85	
Pied-billed Grebe	52			52	185	175	140	
Horned Grebe	28			135	95	69	96	
Red-necked Grebe	1	23 Dec	9 Feb	3	1	15	5	Marshall
Eared Grebe	3		21 Feb	3	7	6	11	Russell, Marshall
Rock Pigeon	67			600	135	230	184	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	22			35	11	48	39	
Mourning Dove	97			365	626	966	936	
Virginia Rail	2	5 Dec	6 Jan	2	2	1		Muhlenberg, Jefferson
American Coot	34			75	68	70	109	
Sandhill Crane	41			6000	126	66	74	
Whooping Crane	1	12 Feb	16 Feb	6			2	Hopkins
Killdeer	72			352	132	222	389	
Least Sandpiper	1	10 Dec		1	1			Todd
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	27 Feb		1			1	Logan
American Woodcock	17			40	4	2	31	
Wilson's Snipe	25			94	28	31	26	
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	15 Feb		1			3	Warren, Christian
Bonaparte's Gull	27			1056	88	87	59	
Franklin's Gull	2		31 Jan	2	6	1		Marshall, Jefferson
Ring-billed Gull	49			18000	198	272	227	
CALIFORNIA GULL	1	8 Feb	25 Feb	1			2	Marshall

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
Herring Gull	22			1500	57	77	50	
Iceland Gull	3		18 Feb	4	3	20	7	Marshall, Livingston, Lyon
Lesser Black-backed Gull	4			17	25	22	13	Mrsh, Lyon, Livn, Hard
Glaucous Gull	2		25 Feb	4	5	10	8	Marshall, Livingston
Great Black-backed Gull	1	20 Jan	2 Feb	1		4	1	Marshall
Forster's Tern	2			35	7	7	6	Marshall, Calloway
Red-throated Loon	3	9 Jan	25 Feb	3		1	13	Russell, Marshall
Common Loon	18			25	69	38	35	
Double-crested Cormorant	23			1000	37	33	22	
American White Pelican	6			200	27	42	41	
BROWN PELICAN	1	5 Jan	8 Jan	1		4		Livingston
American Bittern	1	15 Dec		1	1			Fulton
Great Blue Heron	76			67	381	432	342	
Great Egret	11		5 Feb	6	30	18	1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3		17 Feb	2	13	8	2	Marshall, Jefferson, Madison
Black Vulture	78			150	296	354	330	
Turkey Vulture	88			1200	361	412	504	
Golden Eagle	8	9 Dec	19 Feb	5	10	6	2	
Northern Harrier	51			18	91	111	70	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	38			2	44	41	18	
Cooper's Hawk	60			3	132	120	94	
Bald Eagle	57			21	178	204	140	
Red-shouldered Hawk	65			9	201	230	184	
Red-tailed Hawk	94			12	360	444	394	
Barn Owl	6			2	5	5	1	
Eastern Screech-Owl	24			4	17	27	9	
Great Horned Owl	32			3	40	40	23	
Barred Owl	38			7	36	27	13	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
Short-eared Owl	12	10 Dec		4	16	24	7	
Belted Kingfisher	69			7	231	218	190	
Red-headed Woodpecker	47			18	83	90	57	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	97			21	737	845	703	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	57			11	138	135	64	
Downy Woodpecker	95			13	773	902	700	
Hairy Woodpecker	59			7	154	166	125	
Northern Flicker	80			22	406	374	255	
Pileated Woodpecker	87			10	207	209	163	
American Kestrel	89			14	285	405	336	
Merlin	17			2	26	20	7	
Peregrine Falcon	9			2	6	8	10	
Eastern Phoebe	48			7	68	67	47	
SAY'S PHOEBE	1	18 Dec	22 Dec	1	11			Barren
Loggerhead Shrike	19			2	19	15	13	
White-eyed Vireo	1	17 Dec		1	1			McCracken
Blue-headed Vireo	1	5 Jan		1		1		Marshall
Blue Jay	99			132	874	969	813	
American Crow	108			1000	749	824	814	
Fish Crow	4	6 Jan		18		3	13	Mrsh, Clwy, Lyon, Fult
Common Raven	4	28 Jan	13 Feb	2		3	1	Floy, John, Lawr, Morg
Horned Lark	38			200	54	121	92	
Tree Swallow	4	25 Feb		8			5	Logn, Fult, Muhl, Warr
Barn Swallow	1	17 Feb		1			1	Christian
Carolina Chickadee	103			41	903	1055	878	
Tufted Titmouse	102			81	727	892	746	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	53			69	252	222	150	
White-breasted Nuthatch	94			32	529	549	431	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH	2			3	1	2	4	Laurel, Marshall
Brown Creeper	51			6	165	147	85	
House Wren	7	7 Dec	16 Jan	1	7	4		
Winter Wren	37			11	61	35	16	
Marsh Wren	3	30 Dec	12 Feb	2	2	2	3	Muhlenberg, Marshall, Henderson
Carolina Wren	95			24	720	864	656	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	72			22	208	150	102	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	39			16	74	74	34	
Eastern Bluebird	94			59	380	394	416	
Hermit Thrush	43			14	78	58	35	
American Robin	95			5000	490	849	927	
Gray Catbird	4			2	6	9	6	Jeff, Adair, Mads, Laurel
Brown Thrasher	35			9	44	46	23	
Northern Mockingbird	86			14	434	550	513	
European Starling	97			25000	652	1080	944	
Cedar Waxwing	38			60	60	40	10	
House Sparrow	70			53	226	410	386	
American Pipit	13			200	5	24	14	
EVENING GROSBEAK	3	23 Dec	18 Feb	2	1	1	1	Franklin, Jefferson, Pulaski
House Finch	69			53	474	651	531	
Purple Finch	52			40	111	98	109	
Pine Siskin	23			52	50	79	50	
American Goldfinch	96			100	625	689	480	
Lapland Longspur	17			100	11	29	4	
Eastern Towhee	80			28	247	298	269	
American Tree Sparrow	31			15	20	37	46	
Chipping Sparrow	33			35	39	45	40	
Field Sparrow	65			58	164	175	113	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Dec	Jan	Feb	Counties
Vesper Sparrow	1		31 Dec	1	1			McCracken
Savannah Sparrow	33			50	35	53	36	
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	31 Jan		1		1		Jefferson
LeConte's Sparrow	2	17 Dec	15 Jan	5	3	1		Ballard, Ohio
Fox Sparrow	39		28 Feb	13	46	63	49	
Song Sparrow	99			72	608	748	732	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	15 Dec	5 Jan	1	1	1		Fulton, Lyon
Swamp Sparrow	58			50	140	144	79	
White-throated Sparrow	91			86	613	767	492	
HARRIS'S SPARROW	1			1	3	4	11	Logan
White-crowned Sparrow	57			42	122	181	127	
Dark-eyed Junco	85			100	574	675	453	
Eastern Meadowlark	57			100	132	189	241	
Western Meadowlark	1	15 Dec	16 Jan	2	1	3		Fulton
Red-winged Blackbird	71			20000	109	184	503	
Brown-headed Cowbird	47			1000	45	94	106	
Rusty Blackbird	31			400	28	36	38	
Brewer's Blackbird	6	29 Dec	25 Feb	250	1	1	5	
Common Grackle	64			100000	78	123	307	
Black-and-white Warbler	1		16 Dec	1	1			Jefferson
Orange-crowned Warbler	6	4 Jan		1		3	4	
Common Yellowthroat	2	15 Dec	6 Jan	1	1	1		Fulton, Henderson
Cape May Warbler	1	4 Dec	5 Dec	1	2			Oldham
Palm Warbler	8			2	7		2	
Pine Warbler	9			4	6	23	20	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	63			37	96	126	100	
Northern Cardinal	107			116	1049	1414	1188	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	7 Dec	14 Dec	1	3			Fayette, Hopkins, Pulaski
Indigo Bunting	1	29 Jan		1		1		Monroe

Trumpeter Swan – *Fulton*, 1 February 2019, Timothy Jones

NEWS AND VIEWS

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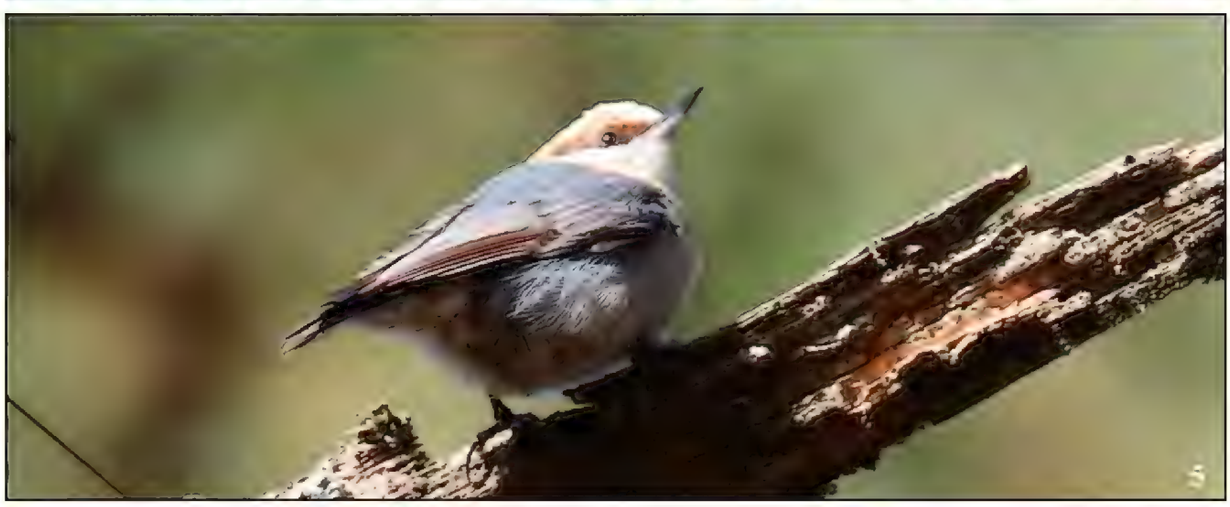

1. Long-tailed Duck – Johnson Co., 7 December 2018, Ray Reeder; **2. Say's Phoebe** – Barren Co., 19 December 2018, Rickey Shive; **3. Eared Grebe (2)** with Horned Grebes – Russell Co., 26 December 2018, Roseanna Denton **4. Evening Grosbeak** – Pulaski Co., 30 January 2019, Roseanna Denton; **5. Brown-headed Nuthatch** – Laurel Co., 9 February 2019, James Wheat

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THE COVER

We thank Pam Spaulding for her photograph of the state's first Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) at the Metropolitan Sewer District flood retention basin off the South Fork of Beargrass Creek, Jefferson County, 30 April 2019. See Field Note this issue.

THE SPRING SEASON, MARCH - MAY 2019

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Spring 2019 had near-normal temperatures and precipitation for most of the state. The season's average temperature was warmer than the historical average by 1.3°F (0.7°C). Compared to recent averages for those months, March was cooler by 2.8°F (1.6°C), April was warmer by 2.7°F (1.5°C), and May was warmer by 3.9°F (2.2°C). Precipitation totals were almost exactly average across the months and across most locations. Paducah, however, averaged 71% more precipitation than normal for the season. (Based on National Weather Service monthly averages in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Jackson compared to 1981-2010 averages and all-time records.)

Notable bird observations include two firsts for the state: CAVE SWALLOW and BREWER'S SPARROW. Additional review species reported during the season were BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK, WHITE-WINGED DOVE, WHIMBREL, LITTLE GULL, CALIFORNIA GULL, NEOTROPIC CORMORANT, EVENING GROSBEAK, HARRIS'S SPARROW, and PAINTED BUNTING. Other noteworthy reports include White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Common Gallinule, American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, a jaeger species, Glaucous Gull, widespread reports of Red-throated Loon, and Brewster's Warbler.

Publication of any unusual sightings in eBird or in this seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted for inclusion in the official list of Kentucky birds. Reports of rare and out-of-season birds should be accompanied by written and, whenever possible, photographic documentation for review by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC). Decisions regarding the official Kentucky list are made by the KBRC and are reported periodically in *The Kentucky Warbler*. The most recent KBRC decisions were reported in the November 2018 issue (Yandell 2018).

Details of many of the following reports were posted at the time on birdky and are available at eBird.org. Observer and photographer names are not always clear in eBird, so the following summary may misidentify observers and roles.

The following highlights summarize locations, dates, and observer initials. Documentation method may be noted as follows: wr = written documentation, ph = photograph, vd = video recording, and au = audio recording. Species order is based on AOS 2019. Comments about previous Kentucky bird records rely on the recently updated checklist by Palmer-Ball (2019).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK – All accepted by KBRC. 7 on an industrial pond at Hawesville, *Hancock*, 10 May (ph TLu via JBr). 5 at Jacobson Park, *Fayette,* 4 May (ChV, BaV, KRk, ph ROC, m.ob. And likely a returning bird, 1 near New Concord, LBL area, *Calloway* (ph HC, ME).

Ross's Goose – 1 exceptionally late at Basil Griffin Park, Bowling Green, *Warren*, 25 May (ph TrL).

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 4 May 2019, *Fayette*, Terri Lusk

Cackling Goose – 1 at Harry King Road, *Barren,* 30 March (wr LCr). 3 at Cave Lake (Cooley Pond), *Wayne,* 23 March and a record late date of 6 April (wr ph RB).

Tundra Swan – 2 continued in *Hopkins* through 10 March (m.ob.).

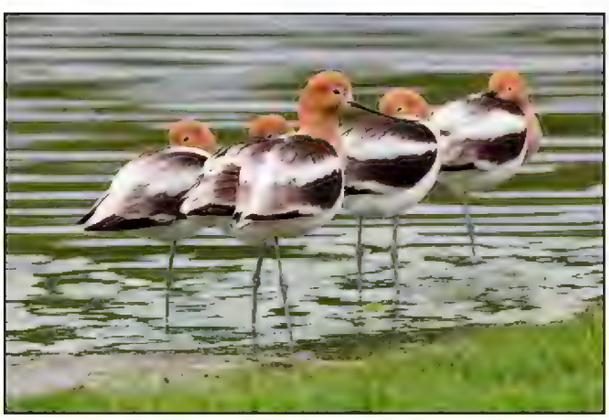
Greater Scaup – 1-2 birds lingered at McElroy Lake through 14 May (m.ob.).

White-winged Scoter –1 continued at Lexington Reservoir #2 & 3, *Fayette,* 9-16, 26 March (wr DSv). Female with fishing line tangled in wing continued at Lower Douglas Lake, *Hardin*, reported various dates 17 March - 18 May (wr ph MrL). 2 at KY Dam, 23-26 March (wr ph ShA, JoH, wr ph CBz, wr ph JBa). 1 at Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln*, 1 / 16 March (wr ph JkE).

Long-tailed Duck – 1 at Barren River Lake, Bailey's Point, *Allen,* 2 March (wr BPB). 1 at KY Dam, 25 March (ph TaS, wr ph JBa, wr ph CBz).

Common Merganser – The last reports were of a female along the Red River, *Menifee,* 23 April (wr AnW, JlW) and 3 females flying down Russell Fork e. of Elkhorn City near the Virginia Border, *Pike,* 19 May (wr LgA). The lateness of the dates suggests possible breeding, which has recently been confirmed (*Menifee*) or suspected (*Pike*). See Palmer-Ball, *Kentucky Warbler*, 94(4):118, 2018.

Red-necked Grebe – 1 at Lexington Reservoir #2 & 3, *Fayette,* 12 March (ph RxG). Possibly a continuing bird, 1 at KY Dam Village SRP, Marina and Beach, *Marshall,* 6-26 March (JrT, m.ob.).



American Avocet – *Bullitt,* 28 April 2019, Jamie Baker

Eared Grebe – At least 2 continued at Wolf Creek Dam and nearby areas of Lake Cumberland, *Russell,* 18-30 March (wr ph RaB, wr ph LyB).

White-winged Dove – *Hopkins*, 12 May 2019, Beverly Carrico

WHITE-WINGED DOVE – All singles; all accepted by KBRC. Murray, *Calloway*, 8-9 April (wr ME). Briensburg, *Marshall*, 2-3 May (ph TBR via RL). Lexington, 4-22 May (ElM, wr ph AwM, m.ob.). In ne. *Hopkins,* 12 May (wr ph BvC), at the same location that hosted this species 21 May 2018.

Virginia Rail – 3 at the Sauerheber Unit, 13 April (BPB, wr JW, BBC). 1 at Beckley Creek Park, Grand Allee Section, *Jefferson,* 27 April (wr AwM, BBC). 1 heard at Drakesboro marsh, *Muhlenberg,* 7 May (wr LyB).

Common Gallinule – 1 at McElroy Lake, 12-18 May (wr ph JW, ph CBz, m.ob.).

Black-necked Stilt – 5 at Highway 94 / Midway Church Road, *Fulton*, 30 March (ph AnL) were very early.

American Avocet – 12 at Morgan Pond, 11 April (wr ph JoH, wr ph ShA). 8 e. of Shepherdsville, *Bullitt,* 28 April (ph LMc, wr ph JBa, wr ph TrN, m.ob.). 7 at Mayfair, 9 May (wr ph WmB, m.ob.), and 1 there on 28 May (ph TrL, m.ob.).

WHIMBREL – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at McElroy Lake, 15 May (ph PSp, wr ph RcS, vt ph CBz, m.ob.).

Marbled Godwit – 5 at McElroy Lake, 28 April (ph RcS).

Ruddy Turnstone – Generally 2 at McElroy Lake, 5-6, 12-15, and 27 May (LsC, DSv, wr JSo, wr RD, ph RcS, m.ob.); 6 photographed on 12 May (wr ph JW, TG, SG). 1 at Cedar Creek Lake, *Lincoln,* 15-17 May (wr ph JkE, ph TiN). 2 on the beach at Zilpo Campground and Beach, *Bath,* 17 May (wr ph GtA, DgR). 1 at Uniontown-Mt. Vernon Road, *Union,* 18 May (ph CC).

Ruddy Turnstone – *Bath*, 17 May 2019, Gautam Apte

Sanderling – 2+ at McElroy Lake, 9-18 May (wr ph CBz, wr ph RcS, m.ob.).

Western Sandpiper – 1 at McElroy Lake, 3 May (RaB, RcS).

Willet – Reported from the following counties: *Christian, Fayette*, *Green*, *Jefferson*, *Kenton*, *Pulaski, Warren*, and *Wayne*. Peak count reported was a group of 64 that circled but did not land near Jacobson Park, *Fayette,* 28 April (ph RxG).

Wilson's Phalarope – 1-2 at McElroy Lake, 26 April and 4-17 May (RD, ph RcS, m.ob.). 1 near Midway Church Road, *Fulton,* 2 May (CBz, HC).

Jaeger sp. – 1 likely immature chasing gulls near KY Dam, 23 March (wr JoH).

LITTLE GULL – Eighth state record; accepted by KBRC. First-cycle bird with Bonaparte's and other gulls above Barkley Dam, *Livingston/Lyon*, 20-26 April (wr ph CBz, m.ob.).

Laughing Gull – 1 at McElroy Lake, 11 March (wr ph RcS).

Franklin's Gull – 1 along the levee in *Fulton,* 6 March (wr ph TmJ). 2-3 above Barkley Dam, *Lyon,* 24 April (wr ph BY). 1 at McElroy Lake, 10 May (wr ph RD, ph RcS, m.ob).

California Gull – *Marshall,* 1 March 2019, Brian Wulker

CALIFORNIA GULL – Previously accepted by KBRC. 2 continued at WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, 1 March (wr ph BWu, wr ph TG, SG, wr ph CBz, wr ph BPB).

Glaucous Gull – 1 continued at WastePath/ Clean Earth Facility, 1 March (ph TG, SG, ph BWu, ph BPB, ph CBz).

Little Gull – *Livingston*, 26 April 2019, Tommy Quarles

Least Tern – All reports listed. 1-2 along Levee Road, *Fulton,* 23 May (wr BY, HC, JoP). 100-150 on a Mississippi River island at Kentucky Bend, *Fulton,* 29 May (WtG). 2 at Sand Slough, *Henderson,* 31 May (ph CC).All

Black Tern – Usually 1-2 at McElroy Lake, 4-23 May (BPB, LMc, RcS, m.ob.), with at least 8 there on 9 May (RcS, CBz). 1 at Zilpo Campground and Beach, *Bath,* 20 May (DgR, GtA). 2 on a Mississippi River island at Kentucky Bend, *Fulton,* 29 May (WtG).

Common Tern – *Lyon,* 26 April 2019, Tommy Quarles

Common Tern – 1-4 at Lake Barkley, *Livingston/Lyon,* 24 April-4 May (wr ph BY, HC, wr ph RcS, RaB, m.ob.). 1 at KY Dam, 3 May (RaB). 1 at McElroy Lake, 2-12 May (RcS, m.ob.), except 12 there on 10 May (RD, m.ob.) for the season's high count.

Red-throated Loon – A productive season for reports of this species, starting with a state record 5 between the Sledd Creek Boat Ramp and KY Dam, *Marshall,* 1 March (ph BWu, vd ph CBz, wr BPB, TG, SG); 1-2 reported around KY Lake at scattered dates 7-26 March (m.ob.). A noteworthy count of 3 at McElroy Lake, 8 April (wr JSo, JoO). 1-2 at Bailey's Point, Barren River Lake, *Allen,* 25-26 March (wr ph LCr, BBr, m.ob.). 1 at Freeman Lake, *Hardin,* 26 March (wr ph JnS). 1 reported for almost two weeks at Jacobson Park and nearby reservoirs, *Fayette,* 2-14 May (wr ph COb, vd ph TrN, wr ROC, wr DSv, m.ob.).

American Bittern – All reports listed. 1 at Yellow Dog Road, Cunningham, *Carlisle,* 29 March (wr KBn, m.ob.). 1 at University Drive Ponds, *Laurel,* 13 April (wr JnS). 3 at Green River WMA, *Adair,* 18 April (ph RD). 1 at Sloughs WMA, Sauerheber Unit, 24 April (CC, m.ob.). In *Henderson,* 1-2 at the Sauerheber Unit, 24-25 April (CC, m.ob.) and 1 several miles east at the Audubon Wetlands, 26 April (RcS). 1 at Port Oliver, Barren River Lake, *Allen,* 25 April (LCr). 1 at South Shore WMA, *Greenup,* 30 April (JenM, JPa). 1 at Long Point, 1 May (ph BY). 1 at West KY WMA, *McCracken,* 3 May (ScR). 1 at Brier East, *Fayette,* 6 May (DSv).

Least Bittern – 1-2 at Peabody WMA, Sinclair Unit, Muck Lake, *Muhlenberg,* 21-28 May (wr ph TG, SG, NBr, TrN).

Snowy Egret – 1 at Etown Sports Park, *Hardin,* 6 April (wr JnS) was the earliest reported. 11 at Green Turtle Bay, *Livingston,* 3 May (RaB) was the season's peak reported count.

Little Blue Heron – 12 reports in *Trigg* and 1 each in *Hickman, Marshall,* and *Christian.* Earliest was 1 n. of Oak Grove, *Christian,* 10 April (ph ShA). 8 at LBL-Long Creek Area, *Trigg,* 4 May/18 May (JoP, RaB) was the highest number reported.

TRICOLORED HERON – Accepted by KBRC. Sixteenth state record. A Beckham Bird Club fieldtrip found 1 at Sand Slough, *Henderson,* 13 April (wr ph JW, ph MiC, MM, wr ph JBa).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 1 in Louisville beginning 13 March (m.ob.) set a state record early date.

Mississippi Kite – 1 at Elk Fork Bend, *Todd,* 22 April (wr DbH) set a state record early date.

Rough-legged Hawk – 1 dark morph at Roughie, *McLean,* 7 March (wr ph JBa, ph CBz, MM, BPB, EHo) was the only report.

Short-eared Owl – The only report was of 3 at Talon Winery, *Fayette,* 17 March (LsC, DSv).

Merlin – 9 reports; all listed. 1 at Hebron, *Boone,* 12 March (wr RC). 1 n. of Adairville, *Logan,* 16 March (ph ST). 1 at KY Dam, 23 March (wr ShA, wr JoH). 1 at Interstate 65, Cave City, *Barren,* 24 March (wr DSv, wr LsC). 1 in *Larue,* 31 March (RMd, ph JnS). 1 at McElroy Lake, 3 April (wr AaH, m.ob.). 1 at Brier East, *Fayette,* 12 April (wr DSv). 1 at Hardy Slough, *Henderson,* 27 April (wr ph BY). 1 nw. of Long Point, 28 April (BWu, TQ, BPB).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – *Jefferson*, 18 May 2019, Brainard Palmer-Ball Jr.

Olive-sided Flycatcher – 10 reports. 1 at LBL, *Lyon,* 2 May (wr ph BY) was the earliest reported. 1 at the UK Arboretum, 21 May (wr DPt) was the last reported.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – Sight report with details of 1 in LBL, KY Lake Scenic Drive, *Lyon,* 24 May (wr BY).

Alder Flycatcher – 1 at Mayfair, 16-17 May (wr au BY, PB, au BD). 1 at Surrey Hills Farm, 20-21 May (ph BPB, au BD, LMc). 1 at Arthur K. Draut Park, Louisville, 23 May (wr BWo). 1 off Rowdy Gap Rd., *Perry*, 31 May (au RD).

Willow Flycatcher – 1 at Sandy Lee Watkins Park, *Henderson*, 28 April (wr au DL) set a state record early date.

Common Raven – *Pike*, 6 April 2019, Daryl Owens

Common Raven – 1 at Brinkley, *Knott,* 22 March (wr JHo). 1 at Hal Rogers Parkway, *Leslie,* 5 April (wr JSo, wr DL). 1 at Bad Branch SNP, *Letcher,* 6 April (JSo, DL). At Elkhorn City, *Pike,* 1 feeding two young 6 April (wr RgM, wr ph DrO), and 1 on 29 April (PmK). 2 at Jackson, *Breathitt,* 13 May (ZcH). 1-2 at Daniel Boone National Forest, Salt Lick, *Bath,* 17-21 May (wr GtA).

CAVE SWALLOW – First state record. Accepted by KBRC. 1 at McElroy Lake, 4 May (wr ph BPB, wr ph LMc, ph JBa, m.ob.). See Field Note this issue.

Brown-Headed Nuthatch – [KBRC review not required at this location.] 2-3 continued through the season at the London Ranger District Office, *Laurel* (m.ob.). See Field Note this issue.

Sedge Wren – All reports listed. 1 at the UK Arboretum, *Fayette,* 29 April (ph NBr). 1 at LBL-Long Creek Area, *Trigg,* 4 May (RaB). 1 at Cherokee Park, *Jefferson,* 6 May (ph RHr).

EVENING GROSBEAK – Accepted by KBRC. 2 at a feeder a few miles ne. of Cynthiana, *Harrison*, 12-15 March (ph EvF, ph NBr, ph Jba, wr ph DL, m.ob.).

Lark Sparrow – 1 at Mud Creek, *Fulton,* 21 April (wr CBz). 1 at McDonald Landing Road, *Henderson,* 23 April (CC). 1 at LBL-Long Creek Area, *Trigg,* 30 April (wr ph BY). 2 along Bogle Road and Vance Lane, *Warren*, 15-23 May (CBz, ph RcS, m.ob.). 1 at Rowdy Mine Area,

Perry, 30 May (ph LgA).

BREWER'S SPARROW – First state record. Accepted by KBRC. 1 at South Beargrass Creek Retention Basin, *Jefferson,* 30 April (ph PSp). See Field Note this issue.

Fox Sparrow – 1 singing near Hydro, *Warren*, 28-30 May (au AaH) set a state record late date.

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco – 1 in ne, Lexington, 18 March (wr MTw). The continuing individual at Douglass Hills, *Jefferson,* was last observed 1 March (wr BY, MY).

HARRIS'S SPARROW – Previously accepted by KBRC. The long-staying individual at Schochoh, *Logan,* was last reported 30 April (ph ST, DT, m.ob.).

Lincoln's Sparrow – 12 reports. 1 at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer SP, *Jefferson,* 23 April (PtP) was the earliest reported. 1 at Surrey Hills Farm, 13 May (BPB, MM) was the last reported. 13 at Lower Hickman Bottoms, *Fulton,* 3 May (CBz) was the highest number reported.

Brewer's Blackbird – All reports listed. 5 at Brown Rd Pond River Flood Bottoms, *Hopkins,* 5 March (wr BvC). 9 n. of Bremen, *Muhlenberg,* 7 March (wr EHo, wr JBa, wr MM). 4 at Pack Church Rd, Rumsey, *McLean*, 10 March (wr BvC, wr DoS). 4 at Reelfoot NWR, Long Point, 11 March (wr DgK, wr MGo). 2 at McElroy Lake, 4 April (AaH, ph RcS). 1 in *Logan,* 14 April (wr ph CBz).

Golden-winged Warbler – Only 7 reports; all within a two-week span. 1 at Mammoth Cave NP, *Edmonson,* 25 April (JnK, SK) was the earliest reported. 2 at Higginson-Henry WMA, *Union,* 27 April (wr DL) was the highest number reported. **Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)** – 1 at Lakeview Farm, *Anderson,* 8 May (wr ph PmG).

Connecticut Warbler – 6 reports; all singles; all included. Surrey Hills Farm, 13 May (au BPB). Nettleroth Bird Sanctuary, *Jefferson*, 18 May (wr ph au JW, m.ob.). Audubon SP, *Henderson*, 19 May (wr KM). 1 in e. *Fayette* 18-21 May (LsC, ph DSv, au ROC, au TrN, JSo). 1 at Taylor Fork Ecological Area, *Madison,* 21 May (wr ph MkP). 1 at Wilson Creek RA, *Taylor,* 21 May (au RD).

Mourning Warbler – 4 reports; all singles, as follows: Lexington Cemetery, *Fayette,* 7 May (wr SyP). E.P. "Tom" Sawyer SP, *Jefferson,* 11 May (wr JSd). Surrey Hills Farm, 13 May (MM, BPB). Western Kentucky University Agricultural Center, *Warren,* 9 May (DlR).

PAINTED BUNTING – Tenth state record. Accepted by KBRC. Adult male at Mayfair, 1 May (ph DMe via WnA).

Ruddy Turnstone – *Lincoln*, 17 May 2019, Jackie Elmore

Black-billed Cuckoo – *Jefferson*, 8 May 2019, Karen Bonsell

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LOCATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (*Italics* indicate a county name.)
KBRC = Kentucky Bird Records Committee
KY = Kentucky
KY Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*
LBL = Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, *Lyon/Trigg*
Lexington, *Fayette*
Long Point = KY portion of the Long Point Unit, Reelfoot NWR, *Fulton*
Louisville, *Jefferson*
McElroy Lake, transient lake in *Warren*
Mayfair = Louisville Water Company Ponds w. of Prospect, *Jefferson*
Morgan Pond, nw. of Oak Grove, s. *Christian*
RA = Recreation Area
SP = State Park
Sauerheber Unit = Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*
Sinclair Unit = Sinclair Unit, Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*
Surrey Hills Farm, ne. *Jefferson*
UK = University of Kentucky, Lexington, *Fayette*
WastePath / Clean Earth Facility, Shar-Cal Road, w. of Calvert City, *Marshall* [Must have your own safety vest to visit this location.]
WMA = Wildlife Management Area

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Willet – *Green*, 8 May 2019, Richard Kessler

Wilson's Phalarope – *Warren*, 5 May 2019, David Lang

Evening Grosbeak – *Harrison*, 14 March 2019, Jamie Baker

Ross's Goose – *Warren*, 18 May 2019, Terri Lusk

Great Horned Owl fledglings – *Jefferson*, 8 May 2019, Rev. Lee A. Payne, Jr.

Common Gallinule – *Warren*, 12 May 2019, James Wheat

Prairie Warbler – *Madison*, 13 May 2019, Robert Foster

SUMMARY OF eBIRD REPORTS
MARCH 2019 - MAY 2019

Ben Yandell and Teresa Noel

March-May reports available at eBird.org covered 117 of Kentucky's 120 counties, totaled 268 species, 604 reporting observers, 13,200 reports, 208,500 lines of data, 4,100 unduplicated attached photographs or audio files, and 764,000 individual birds reported (counting repeats across dates, but eliminating duplicate counts by groups and entries with an "x" instead of a number).

This table summarizes eBird reports by species and month. Column headings are as follows:

Species Common name. **ALL CAPS** if the species requires KBRC review. Species name in **bold**, if seasonal report text has additional comments.

#cos. Number of counties with a report of the species

earliest Date of the first report of the season; blank if the species is usually present before the season begins.

latest Date of the last report of the season; blank if the species is usually present after the season ends.

max Maximum count in a single report.

[month] Number of **reports** [not number of birds] that listed the species during the month, counting grouped reports only once. Comparing across the season's months may give a rough idea of arrival and departure patterns for species that migrate.

Counties If species reported in five or fewer counties, lists the counties with a report. Counties listed from most to fewest number of reports.

Example of how to interpret the table

species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	counties
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	58		12 May	20	34	333	64	

Ruby-crowned Kinglet was reported from 58 counties, and the last column can't list all those counties. Earliest date is not shown, because the species had been reported in late February. The latest report was 12 May. The highest count of birds in a single report was 20. Most of the reports were in April, perhaps due to a pulse of migrants during the month and due to more birders in the field.

eBird summary table: March - May 2019

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK	2	4 May	28 May	5			5	Fayette, Calloway
Snow Goose	7		13 Mar	35	10			
Ross's Goose	4		25 May	2	6	2	5	Warr, Hend, Hopk, Mrsh
Greater White-fronted Goose	5		13 Mar	46	13			Davs, Todd, Hend, Larue, Warr
Cackling Goose	2	23 Mar	6 Apr	3	2	1		Wayne, Barren
Canada Goose	95			200	949	997	878	
Mute Swan	5		26 May	6	24	13	10	Barr, Fayt, Oldh, Muhl, Nich
Tundra Swan	1		10 Mar	2	9			Hopkins
Wood Duck	81			40	256	308	255	
Blue-winged Teal	48			525	197	339	102	
Northern Shoveler	31		21 May	800	241	126	24	
Gadwall	31		27 May	1050	220	85	30	
American Wigeon	22		2 May	400	92	42	1	
Mallard	67			700	727	633	587	
American Black Duck	10		19 Apr	12	22	5		
Northern Pintail	14		25 Mar	250	51			
Green-winged Teal	24		26 Apr	250	159	40		
Canvasback	22		14 Apr	200	70	6		
Redhead	30		18 May	210	125	13	4	
Ring-necked Duck	41		28 May	500	199	28	9	
Greater Scaup	20		14 May	50	84	13	9	
Lesser Scaup	41			2500	254	79	26	
White-winged Scoter	4		18 May	2	14	1	1	Fayt, Hard, Mrsh, Linc
Long-tailed Duck	2		25 Mar	1	2			Allen, Marshall
Bufflehead	42		23 May	115	290	67	14	
Common Goldeneye	23		13 Apr	25	53	3		
Hooded Merganser	35			139	136	33	34	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Common Merganser	7		19 May	3	5	1	1	
Red-breasted Merganser	21		15 May	120	59	18	16	
Ruddy Duck	20		17 May	160	80	44	16	
Northern Bobwhite	49			9	4	65	158	
Ruffed Grouse	2			1			3	Wolfe, Powell
Wild Turkey	82			53	145	303	239	
Pied-billed Grebe	44			76	247	128	36	
Horned Grebe	25		6 May	65	135	27	5	
Red-necked Grebe	2		26 Mar	1	5			Marshall, Fayette
Eared Grebe	1	18 Mar	30 Mar	2	3			Russell
Rock Pigeon	67			350	257	216	199	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	22			12	40	40	29	
WHITE-WINGED DOVE	2	4 May	22 May	2			12	Fayette, Hopkins
Mourning Dove	106			68	1262	1534	1589	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	73	10 Apr		10		7	395	
Black-billed Cuckoo	14	22 Apr	22 May	2		3	16	
Common Nighthawk	28	16 Apr		26		5	72	
Chuck-Will's-Widow	18	17 Apr		4		4	25	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	30	31 Mar		20	1	29	37	
Chimney Swift	84	27 Mar		300	1	302	716	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	68	28 Mar		11	1	239	528	
Virginia Rail	3	13 Apr	7 May	5		4	1	Henderson, Jefferson, Muhlenberg
Sora	9	7 Apr	13 May	31		22	12	
Common Gallinule	1	12 May	18 May	1			6	Warren
American Coot	35		23 May	1100	168	103	25	
Sandhill Crane	20		21 May	750	39	1	4	
Black-necked Stilt	3	30 Mar		15	1	17	9	Fulton, Henderson, Warren
American Avocet	3	11 Apr	28 May	12		6	2	Bullitt, Jefferson, Christian

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Black-bellied Plover	4	19 Apr	21 May	38		7	20	Warren, Fult, Hend, Rowan
American Golden-Plover	4	10 Mar	5 May	250	7	21	1	Warren, Fult, Logan, Mrsh
Killdeer	85			215	593	556	541	
Semipalmated Plover	17	7 Apr		425		11	104	
WHIMBREL	1	15 May	15 May	1			1	Warren
Marbled Godwit	1	28 Apr	28 Apr	5		1		Warren
Ruddy Turnstone	4	5 May	27 May	6			12	Warr, Linc, Bath, Union
Stilt Sandpiper	4	5 Apr	24 May	52		8	24	Warr, Fult, Chrs, Logan
Sanderling	1	9 May	18 May	4			10	Warren
Dunlin	10	31 Mar	24 May	200	1	16	25	
Least Sandpiper	25	7 Mar		350	8	53	120	
White-rumped Sandpiper	5	2 May	27 May	45			29	Warr, Logan, Boyd, Fult, Jeff
Pectoral Sandpiper	19		24 May	350	44	101	38	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	23	1 May		1500			100	
Western Sandpiper	1	3 May	3 May	1			1	Warren
Short-billed Dowitcher	5	5 Apr	21 May	17		5	31	Warr, Fult, Logan, Todd, Chrs
Long-billed Dowitcher	4	30 Mar	5 May	450	2	35	11	Warr, Fult, Chrs, Hend
American Woodcock	23			9	43	6	8	
Wilson's Snipe	31		21 May	113	146	98	12	
Spotted Sandpiper	57	7 Apr	31 May	20		133	246	
Solitary Sandpiper	44	5 Apr	20 May	30		177	136	
Lesser Yellowlegs	31		24 May	920	37	205	89	
Willet	8	21 Apr	9 May	64		8	5	
Greater Yellowlegs	28		31 May	190	45	172	50	
Wilson's Phalarope	2	26 Apr	17 May	2		1	11	Warren, Fulton
Jaeger sp.	1	23 Mar	23 Mar	1	1			Marshall
Bonaparte's Gull	29		4 May	1000	115	56	2	
LITTLE GULL	2	20 Apr	28 Apr	1		6		Livingston, Lyon

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Laughing Gull	1	11 Mar	11 Mar	1	1			Warren
Franklin's Gull	3	6 Mar	14 May	2	1	1	5	Warren, Fulton, Lyon
Ring-billed Gull	36		20 May	3500	205	63	17	
CALIFORNIA GULL	1		1 Mar	2	1			Marshall
Herring Gull	10		26 May	500	40	12	7	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	4		24 Apr	13	18	4		Mrsh, Lyon, Chrs, Hopk
Glaucous Gull	1	1 Mar	1 Mar	1	1			Marshall
Least Tern	2	23 May		100			4	Fulton, Henderson
Caspian Tern	11	5 Apr	30 May	30		27	17	
Black Tern	3	4 May	29 May	15			14	Warren, Bath, Fulton
Common Tern	4	24 Apr	12 May	12		4	8	Livn, Warr, Lyon, Mrsh
Forster's Tern	16			17	7	37	29	
Red-throated Loon	5		14 May	5	12	1	16	Fayt, Mrsh, Allen, Hard, Warr
Common Loon	29			38	67	35	39	
Double-crested Cormorant	48			1500	135	191	191	
American White Pelican	15			417	49	40	37	
American Bittern	8	29 Mar	6 May	3	1	7	2	
Least Bittern	1	21 May		2			3	Muhlenberg
Great Blue Heron	94			41	443	615	719	
Great Egret	34	16 Mar		147	31	152	169	
Snowy Egret	5	6 Apr		11		2	8	Trig, Chrs, Fult, Hard, Livn
Little Blue Heron	4	10 Apr		8		3	13	Trig, Chrs, Hick, Mrsh
TRICOLORED HERON	1	13 Apr	13 Apr	1		1		Henderson
Cattle Egret	11	29 Mar		50	3	10	23	
Green Heron	48	29 Mar		10	1	98	154	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	7	8 Mar		55	13	31	77	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	4	15 Mar		10	20	10	12	Jeff, Lyon, Mrsh, Union
Black Vulture	90			117	397	447	456	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Turkey Vulture	106			46	1072	1297	1171	
Osprey	39	5 Mar		10	66	185	125	
Northern Harrier	33		5 May	6	89	58	7	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	22		13 May	3	24	27	6	
Cooper's Hawk	68			4	163	216	153	
Bald Eagle	56			41	210	210	134	
Mississippi Kite	16	22 Apr		6		6	56	
Red-shouldered Hawk	69			5	268	333	252	
Broad-winged Hawk	44	28 Mar		86	1	97	46	
Red-tailed Hawk	94			6	489	450	381	
Rough-legged Hawk	1	7 Mar	7 Mar	1	2			McLean
Barn Owl	6			1		2	5	
Eastern Screech-Owl	25			4	12	26	27	
Great Horned Owl	28			4	30	52	43	
Barred Owl	51			7	41	128	111	
Short-eared Owl	1		17 Mar	3	1			Fayette
Belted Kingfisher	75			4	180	197	157	
Red-headed Woodpecker	71			12	89	171	220	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	104			18	979	1324	1219	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	47		15 May	7	117	140	6	
Downy Woodpecker	98			13	935	1093	988	
Hairy Woodpecker	69			4	176	248	220	
Northern Flicker	91			30	488	546	360	
Pileated Woodpecker	93			9	287	508	498	
American Kestrel	75			7	277	137	134	
Merlin	9		28 Apr	1	5	4		
Peregrine Falcon	17			4	18	27	27	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Great Crested Flycatcher	86	17 Apr		12		216	730	
Eastern Kingbird	88	8 Apr		80		278	745	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	7	2 May	21 May	1			10	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	86	24 Apr		18		48	726	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2	18 May	24 May	1			2	Jefferson, Lyon
Acadian Flycatcher	63	19 Apr		16		6	245	
Alder Flycatcher	2	16 May	31 May	1			7	Jefferson, Perry
Willow Flycatcher	18	28 Apr		5		1	65	
Least Flycatcher	21	23 Apr	26 May	10		22	56	
Eastern Phoebe	104			18	396	633	584	
Loggerhead Shrike	12			2	18	9	4	
White-eyed Vireo	83	10 Mar		20	1	354	423	
Bell's Vireo	5	21 Apr		8		11	21	Hend, Muhl, Warr, Davs, Fult
Yellow-throated Vireo	75	9 Apr		9		174	230	
Blue-headed Vireo	47	16 Mar		8	13	119	93	
Philadelphia Vireo	12	25 Apr	24 May	1		6	20	
Warbling Vireo	59	7 Apr		9		142	281	
Red-eyed Vireo	89	7 Apr		51		211	828	
Blue Jay	104			46	1124	1592	1485	
American Crow	109			85	1151	1226	1194	
Fish Crow	13			50	43	78	54	
Common Raven	6			3	1	4	4	
Horned Lark	27			64	128	93	57	
Bank Swallow	26	12 Apr		150		33	51	
Tree Swallow	89			750	263	692	658	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	84	16 Mar		40	46	383	442	
Purple Martin	72	12 Mar		95	44	254	360	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Barn Swallow	94	16 Mar		350	28	548	963	
Cliff Swallow	48	17 Mar		400	2	67	138	
CAVE SWALLOW	1	4 May	5 May	1			2	Warren
Carolina Chickadee	102			41	1102	1337	1123	
Tufted Titmouse	105			30	1023	1375	1121	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	50		14 May	12	169	181	36	
White-breasted Nuthatch	97			15	649	809	659	
BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH	1			3	3	1	2	Laurel
Brown Creeper	38		24 Apr	8	138	92		
House Wren	65	18 Mar		8	2	273	430	
Winter Wren	24		28 Apr	6	35	14		
Sedge Wren	3	29 Apr	6 May	1		1	2	Fayette, Jefferson, Trigg
Marsh Wren	4	1 Apr	5 May	3		17	4	Hend, Fult, Jeff, Muhl
Carolina Wren	106			22	923	1300	1271	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	98	16 Mar		30	27	925	711	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	56		4 May	27	182	128	1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	58		12 May	20	34	333	64	
Eastern Bluebird	100			25	674	802	785	
Veery	24	22 Apr	20 May	6		15	64	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	23	24 Apr	24 May	10		19	72	
Swainson's Thrush	50	22 Apr	28 May	45		56	305	
Hermit Thrush	34		4 May	5	71	118	8	
Wood Thrush	84	11 Apr		20		227	505	
American Robin	106			400	1610	1941	1899	
Gray Catbird	80			22	6	160	537	
Brown Thrasher	98			15	254	731	705	
Northern Mockingbird	96			15	710	827	846	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
European Starling	104			3000	1218	1321	1392	
Cedar Waxwing	65			200	21	13	395	
House Sparrow	83			50	437	534	627	
American Pipit	16		4 May	120	50	40	2	
EVENING GROSBEAK	1	12 Mar	15 Mar	2	6			Harrison
House Finch	80			71	709	742	734	
Purple Finch	48		17 May	30	196	188	46	
Pine Siskin	26		22 May	50	83	86	35	
American Goldfinch	100			150	695	1178	1055	
Grasshopper Sparrow	23	7 Apr		35		9	58	
Lark Sparrow	5	21 Apr		2		3	6	Warr, Fult, Hend, Perry, Trigg
Chipping Sparrow	97			87	286	904	675	
Field Sparrow	99			50	368	619	540	
BREWER'S SPARROW	1	30 Apr	30 Apr	1		1		Jefferson
Fox Sparrow	22		30 May	8	84	14	3	
American Tree Sparrow	12		1 Apr	18	27	1		
Dark-eyed Junco	70		4 May	43	716	194	1	
White-crowned Sparrow	52		17 May	26	169	220	98	
HARRIS'S SPARROW	1		30 Apr	1	22	27		Logan
White-throated Sparrow	90		27 May	40	680	1075	218	
Vesper Sparrow	12	12 Mar	4 May	8	11	17	2	
Henslow's Sparrow	12	13 Apr		8		4	25	
Savannah Sparrow	41			28	76	122	53	
Song Sparrow	101			50	1021	1139	1091	
Lincoln's Sparrow	9	23 Apr	13 May	13		4	10	
Swamp Sparrow	42		12 May	50	126	161	20	
Eastern Towhee	102			24	610	921	737	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
Yellow-breasted Chat	76	20 Apr		15		67	382	
Bobolink	21	23 Apr		132		8	53	
Eastern Meadowlark	94			66	455	558	516	
Orchard Oriole	77	13 Apr		13		124	371	
Baltimore Oriole	79	31 Mar		19	1	189	576	
Red-winged Blackbird	103			1200	1057	1408	1342	
Brown-headed Cowbird	100			300	339	1164	1121	
Rusty Blackbird	19		1 May	500	46	27	1	
Brewer's Blackbird	6		14 Apr	9	4	2		
Common Grackle	98			1000	801	1139	1403	
Ovenbird	49	11 Apr		27		104	166	
Worm-eating Warbler	36	11 Apr		14		65	116	
Louisiana Waterthrush	72	12 Mar		9	29	210	175	
Northern Waterthrush	19	16 Apr	17 May	9		32	65	
Golden-winged Warbler	7	25 Apr	6 May	2		16	2	
Blue-winged Warbler	45	10 Apr		6		73	69	
Black-and-white Warbler	52	28 Mar		22	4	163	208	
Prothonotary Warbler	58	11 Apr		20		184	243	
Swainson's Warbler	11	19 Apr		9		16	42	
Tennessee Warbler	43	19 Apr	24 May	25		30	217	
Orange-crowned Warbler	14	16 Mar	15 May	1	1	21	5	
Nashville Warbler	29	11 Apr	16 May	30		68	83	
Connecticut Warbler	5	13 May	21 May	1			10	Fayt, Jeff, Hend, Mads, Tayl
Mourning Warbler	3	7 May	13 May	1			4	Jefferson, Fayette, Warren
Kentucky Warbler	58	18 Apr		17		52	201	
Common Yellowthroat	95	7 Apr		29		292	649	
Hooded Warbler	54	11 Apr		30		140	184	

Species	#cos.	earliest	latest	max	Mar	Apr	May	Counties
American Redstart	52	19 Apr		16		24	368	
Cape May Warbler	27	23 Apr	21 May	28		17	133	
Cerulean Warbler	27	18 Apr		28		20	65	
Northern Parula	91	29 Mar		25	1	469	510	
Magnolia Warbler	28	26 Apr	23 May	5		5	141	
Bay-breasted Warbler	25	25 Apr	22 May	14		2	77	
Blackburnian Warbler	24	11 Apr	22 May	4		14	68	
Yellow Warbler	69	6 Apr		10		205	304	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	24	25 Apr	22 May	5		16	98	
Blackpoll Warbler	43	21 Apr	23 May	8		17	175	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	11	28 Apr	19 May	3		2	27	
Palm Warbler	46		16 May	15	4	205	131	
Pine Warbler	60			10	97	163	112	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	84		18 May	30	172	561	194	
Yellow-throated Warbler	80	29 Mar		14	4	320	265	
Prairie Warbler	75	6 Apr		25		228	271	
Black-throated Green Warbler	58	30 Mar		20	4	167	152	
Canada Warbler	8	3 May	21 May	2			17	
Wilson's Warbler	10	27 Apr	23 May	2		2	21	
Summer Tanager	85	18 Apr		11		127	562	
Scarlet Tanager	69	16 Apr		23		114	326	
Northern Cardinal	110			94	1632	2126	2077	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	60	12 Apr		20		146	338	
Blue Grosbeak	63	13 Apr		6		98	255	
Indigo Bunting	100	11 Apr		100		241	1185	
PAINTED BUNTING	.	1 May	1 May	1			1	Jefferson
Dickcissel	.	21 Apr		35		16	168	

FIELD NOTES

Three of the following notes refer to first state records for the species. The fourth is about a first confirmed nesting in easterm Kentucky. The Kentucky Bird Records Committee has accepted these species for inclusion in the state list. – Editor

FIRST KENTUCKY RECORD OF BREWER'S SPARROW

On 30 April 2019, I was walking the rim of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District flood retention basin off the South Fork of Beargrass Creek near Bardstown Road. A small sparrow jumped up into a shrub near me. My camera shows that I shot the photos at 7:43 a.m. The light was a dull overcast. My ISO was 1600, shutter speed1/350, and f-stop 5.6.

My immediate impression was that it was a Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*), because it seemed to be light gray and had a slight white eye-ring, but I was concentrating on getting it in focus and not looking for field marks. The bird flew across the water and I did not chase it. I knew that a Vesper Sparrow is a good bird for the end of April. However, since I already had other pictures of Vesper Sparrows and I had a picture documenting this bird, I was more interested in getting down to the water's edge to see if there were any interesting shorebirds.

Usually I caption my images the day I take them, but I didn't look at the sparrow photos for a week. When I began processing the images from that day, I had doubts that the bird was a Vesper Sparrow. Since it would be a good bird even if it were a Vesper, I sent a picture to Brainard for his opinion. Jamie Baker also asked to see my photos, and he wrote back that the bird was probably a Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*).

That is how I found out I had photographed a rare bird. I did not learn that it was a first sighting for the state until I entered the observation in eBird. Brainard sent the photos to two experts and both confirmed Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*).

I wish I had realized what I had at the time, so that others could have had a chance to look for it.

— Pam Spaulding, 11106 Cherry Lane, Louisville, KY, 40223.

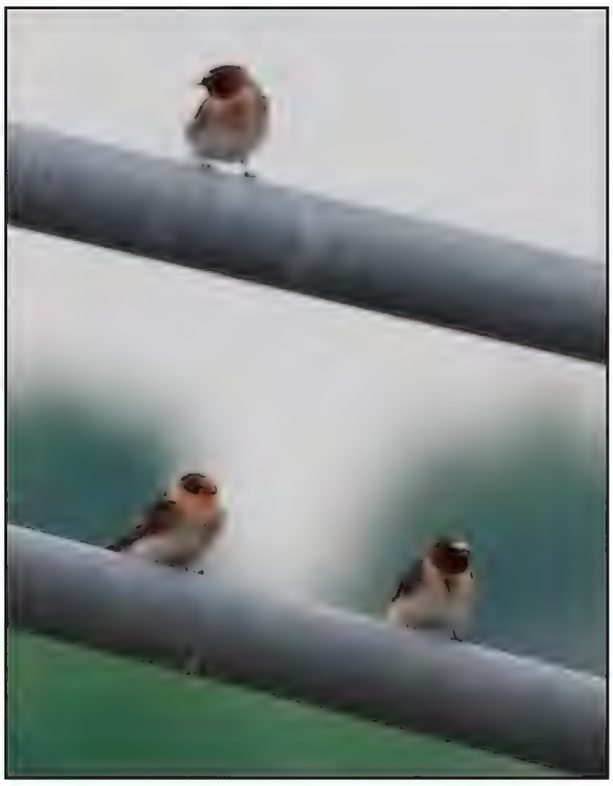
Not only is this a first record for the state, it is one of only a dozen or so records in Eastern North America (eBird data). – Editor

Brewer's Sparrow – Jefferson County, 30 April 2019, Pam Spaulding

FIRST KENTUCKY RECORD OF CAVE SWALLOW

On the early evening of 4 May 2019, the authors were birding at McElroy Lake, Warren County, scanning through swallows foraging over the lake and roosting on a nearby irrigation rig. There were many Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*) and Tree Swallows (*Tachycineta bicolor*) with smaller numbers of Purple Martin (*Progne subis*), Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), and Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*). While scanning through the birds on the irrigation rig to get an estimate of the number of Cliff Swallows, Palmer-Ball came across a Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) sitting in between two Bank Swallows.

The bird was slightly larger than the Bank Swallows with a dark bluish back, dark wings, and pale underparts. The throat and auricular areas were pale brown transitioning abruptly to a pale, sandy gray-brown on the breast, and the belly was whitish. The nape was similarly pale gray-brown with a dark cap that extended through the eye, making for a pronounced "capped" or "goggled" appearance. The bird was perched in such a way that the rump color could not be seen.



(*Left*) Cave Swallow; (*right*) Cave Swallow with Cliff Swallows above and to its right – Warren County, 5 May 2019, Jamie Baker

While Palmer-Ball went back to the car for a camera, McMahon attempted to digiscope the Cave Swallow using a smart phone. The sky was very cloudy, but she was able to get a couple of images of the bird in the fading light, including one that clearly shows a pale, orange-brown rump. Before Palmer-Ball returned, the bird flew off, and despite scanning the area it could not be relocated.

The following day, Jamie Baker and several others returned to the lake to search for the Cave Swallow. By continuously scanning the loafing birds on the irrigation rig, Baker was finally successful in relocating it. He was also able to obtain several documentary images of it. The bird was seen again later in the morning, but after skies cleared during the mid-day, many of the swallows dispersed, and the Cave Swallow could not be found again. Observations and photos obtained 5 May 2019 confirmed the presence of a pale brown rump and squarish shape to the tip of the tail.

This is the first documented record of Cave Swallow in Kentucky, although individuals have been found on several occasions in most surrounding states. In addition, a pale-rumped

swallow observed over Green River Lake, Adair County, 7 December 2013 (*The Kentucky Warbler*, 90:53-54, 2014; R. Denton, eBird data) may very well have been a Cave Swallow. Almost all vagrant records of this species have occurred during late fall following the advancement of significant weather systems from the southern United States. The nature of this vagrancy is not really understood, but reports of overflight birds during spring have also begun to accumulate over the past several years. As has been the case with at least most other vagrant Cave Swallows in our region, the pale tones of brown on this bird suggested it was from the "Mexican" race (*P. f. pelodoma*).

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FIRST KENTUCKY RECORD OF GREAT SHEARWATER

On 15 July 2019, we arrived at Kentucky Dam, Marshall County, about 4:40 p.m. in search of any seafaring birds that might have been brought in on the remnants of Hurricane Barry, which had made landfall in Louisiana two days earlier as a Category 1 hurricane. Looking at the radar, we noted the storm bands were expected to hit the Tennessee River in that area just as dusk arrived, so we decided to set our scopes up on the west pullout above the dam. For the first three-and-a-half hours of our vigil, winds were consistently from the southwest at 10-15 MPH, with gusts exceeding 25 MPH. The cloud cover was at 100% the entire time; rain was minimal until dark. As the light began to dwindle, the clouds became darker and moved very quickly north as the first big thunderstorms approached. Several Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*) streamed by toward a roost near the marina. Wind gusts increased to 35+ MPH, and with only ten minutes of daylight remaining, a dark, stream-lined bird shot over the dam from the west, closest to where we stood.

Great Shearwater – Marshall County, 15 July 2019, (*left*) Andrew Lydeard; (*right*) Daniel Redwine

Both of us had the immediate impression that this bird was not from the area. While other birds we had seen that day struggled against the strong winds, this bird seemed to easily cut through the air like a knife. The wings were sharp and thin, and the bird banked and turned with no effort, despite the wind. Luckily, we were quick to obtain photographs of the bird and were able to discern a thin band on the rump and a light nape, which gave the bird a capped appearance. When the bird banked and exposed the underside, the belly and chest were white, and the wings were white and outlined entirely in black. After a quick consultation with others with more familiarity with tubenoses, we were able to confirm the state's first record of Great Shearwater (*Puffinus gravis*).

— Andrew Lydeard (alydeard@murraystate.edu) and Daniel Redwine (daniel.redwine@gmail.com)

Two days after the Kentucky observation, a Great Shearwater was photographed along the Mississippi River near Memphis (eBird data). There are, of course, few inland records of this species. – Editor

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH IN LAUREL COUNTY:
First Nesting Record for Eastern Kentucky

The Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) is a permanent resident of pine and mixed deciduous-pine woodlands within the Southeastern United States. This species has exhibited considerable expansion of its range over the past 45 years (Renfrow 2003). The first documented record of Brown-headed Nuthatch in Kentucky was in Russell County in Eastern Kentucky in 1999 (Palmer-Ball 2003), followed by sightings of a single bird in Marshall County in Western Kentucky in 2008 (Palmer-Ball and McNeely 2008). Nesting of the Brown-headed Nuthatch was confirmed at the Marshall County location during spring 2013 (Renfrow 2013). In spring 2018 Brown-headed Nuthatches were observed at Laurel County by Stephen J. Stedman. The presence of a family group was confirmed in June 2018, and a nest was confirmed during spring 2019.

Brown-headed Nuthatch – Laurel County, 22 April 2019, Frank Renfrow

Range Expansion

Northward range expansion of the breeding range of the Brown-headed Nuthatch into Eastern Tennessee during the latter half of the twentieth century has been well documented (Nicholson 1997). In 2008 nesting was confirmed less than 5 mi (8 km) from the Kentucky line in Fentress County (Sloan and Palmer-Ball 2008). This nest was in a Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*) stump being used as a fence post in an open area of horse farms with some Shortleaf Pine habitat (Renfrow 2013).

The first documented record of the Brown-headed Nuthatch in Kentucky was of a single individual frequenting a campsite feeder near areas of Shortleaf and Loblolly Pines (*Pinus taeda*) at Wolf Creek Dam, Russell County, from 26 September through 12 October 1999 (Palmer-Ball 2003).

An individual was found at Kentucky Dam State Park, Marshall County, in 2008 (Palmer-Ball and McNeely 2008). I was able to locate an active nest at this location during Spring

2013 and confirmed fledging that year (Renfrow 2013). I returned in 2014, 2015, and 2016 and was able to locate active nests during each of those subsequent years. I returned to the location on 8 May 2017 and could verify the presence of only one individual, but I could not confirm nesting activity. [Others reported 1-2 birds in 2017.]

I was able to follow the feeding behavior of this individual for many hours over a two-day period. Despite the presence of a large planting of mature Loblolly Pines across the road, I found this individual spent all of its time foraging in the Shortleaf Pines during my observations. While it was foraging the Brown-headed Nuthatch spent most of the time gleaning pine seeds and insects in the Shortleaf Pine cone clusters. It also spent considerable time on the bark of the smaller branches, a much smaller amount of time on the bark of the pine trunks, and on only a few occasions did it go to various dead pine snags that would be likely nesting locations (F. Renfrow unpublished data). Reports of this species at Kentucky Dam have been very few in 2018 and only one possible sighting reported so far in 2019. The only confirmed Western Kentucky occurrence away from the Kentucky Dam breeding area was of one individual at Kenlake State Park, also in Marshall County, on 16 September 2017 (B. Palmer-Ball pers. comm.).

A First Nest Record for Eastern Kentucky

On 15 May 2018, Stephen J. Stedman observed a single Brown-headed Nuthatch by the Daniel Boone National Forest Ranger Station in London, Laurel County. The bird was on the grounds of the Ranger Station in the park area woods predominately consisting of mature Shortleaf Pines with an admixture of oaks and other deciduous trees. The next day Stedman located two individuals and observed them each day through 18 May 2018 (S. J. Stedman, pers. comm.). Beginning 2 June 2018, birders began to report recently fledged young, with total species counts as high as seven. Reports have continued since then (eBird data).

Behavioral observations: London-area Brown-headed Nuthatches

25 June 2018. I found a family group of two adults and two-three immature birds foraging in the Shortleaf Pine stand, spending most of their time in one of the larger trees behind the ranger station. The young were well beyond the fledgling phase and may have fledged several weeks prior.

Brown-headed Nuthatch – Laurel County, 11 June 2019, Frank Renfrow

14 March 2019. I observed two birds feeding in the Shortleaf Pines but did not observe any breeding behavior. *State Office Building*. I also stopped at the Shortleaf Pine area near the State Office Building, which is four miles from the Ranger Station. I found three or four birds frequenting a dead pine snag with possible nest holes towards the top, but I did not observe any bird using those cavities.

4 April 2019. After some searching at the ranger station, I found a pair at a nest hole 30' up in a tall Shortleaf Pine about 12" in diameter. The nest was located 20" from the top of a vertical dead branch about 8' long diverging from the trunk about 20' up. The nest entrance was a well-rounded hole 1" or so in diameter. Some plant materials were sticking out of a smaller hole near the nest entrance, which is characteristic of the

caulking behavior around the nest entrance that has been noted in this species. The nest tree was among red oaks as well as other Shortleaf Pines near the edge of the woodlot bordering an open field. The nuthatches were foraging in both oaks and pines near the nest site. Their activities indicated that they were incubating eggs: One of the pair sat facing out of the nest hole, and the other came to feed the mate at 15- to 20-minute intervals.

Brown-headed Nuthatch – (*above*) Laurel County, 4 April 2019, (*inset*) Laurel County, 4 June 2019, Frank Renfrow

22 April 2019. I observed the pair entering and leaving the nest cavity at roughly 10-minute intervals, with one sitting in the cavity for extended periods while the other returned to feed it. The birds rarely vocalized, except for brief calls prior to returning to the nest. *State Office Building*. This was the last time I could locate the nuthatches at the office building location, despite checking there on each subsequent trip. One bird was digging out a cavity in a dead Shortleaf Pine branch while another was feeding nearby. The two started taking turns excavating the cavity, and occasionally working on another entrance hole about 8" distant. They were both expending considerable effort and sawdust was flying generously. These cavities were 40' up in a large Shortleaf Pine in an open lawn area with Shortleaf Pines. The cavities were in a dead, forked horizontal branch and faced downward at a slight angle. I observed the nuthatches excavating for a period of an hour or so, and they made considerable headway in deepening the hole, which went from about half of their body length to a depth where they could enter the cavity completely.

29 April 2019. At the ranger station, adult birds bringing food to nestlings and removing fecal sacs.

14 May 2019. Adult birds engaged in what appeared to be attempts to encourage the young to leave the nest cavity. The adults were doing a lot of vocalizing at the nest entrance, with tail cocked, wings drooped and quivering. The adults seemed to delay transferring the food to the nestlings.

20 May 2019. I had anticipated that the young might have fledged but was surprised to see adults still going in and out of the nest, sometimes staying inside for prolonged periods but

not feeding young or removing fecal sacs. The adults were carrying food into the cavity, but each time they left with the food still in their bills.

4 June 2019. Two adults still very active at the nest hole. A fledgling appeared about 8" above the nest hole begging and being fed by one adult as the other sat looking out of the cavity. The adults continued to go and in and out of the nest, and one fed the other adult more often than the fledgling. The fledgling flew from the snag but then returned to beg again 20 minutes later.

11 June 2019. Two adults going in and out of the nest hole while the fledgling flew to the snag to beg. I did not see the adults feed the fledgling, which appeared mature enough to feed on its own.

28 June 2019. I had suspected that the adults might start a second brood, so I returned for a final visit. Although I stayed several hours, I was unable to locate any Brown-headed Nuthatches at the Ranger Station. A brief stop also failed to produce any sign of the species at the Kentucky State Office Building.

Tentative Conclusions

The two Eastern Kentucky locations where the Brown-headed Nuthatches have been found to nest are both areas of planted Shortleaf Pine, which is native to Eastern Kentucky as well as within a small portion of Trigg County in Western Kentucky, very near the Marshall County location. Previous speculation on the reasons for the northward expansion of this species focused on the planting of Loblolly Pine in Tennessee, well north of the tree's native range in Alabama and Georgia. The first Kentucky record of this species at Russell County in 1999 was in an area with extensive plantings of mature Loblolly Pine, but Shortleaf Pine was also present, especially in the campground area where the nuthatch was observed. However, if the presence of Loblolly Pines explains the recent range expansion, it is puzzling that my repeated checking yielded no evidence of Brown-headed Nuthatches at a large stand of mature Loblolly Pines within a mile of the ranger office.

Kentucky's two breeding locations are both substantial plots of planted Shortleaf Pine. There are not many comparable habitat locations of which I am aware of within Kentucky, despite having conducted considerable searching over the years. It remains to be seen whether there will be other areas within the state where the Brown-headed Nuthatch will appear, or whether these are just isolated individuals vulnerable to extirpation due to inability to establish a viable population in the limited areas of habitat presently available (Renfrow unpublished data).

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Kentucky appears to be the current northern limit of the Brown-headed Nuthatch's range west of the Appalachian Mountains. There are a handful of extralimital records in eBird: north of Chicago (2001-02), east of Cleveland (winter 2001-02), Kansas City (winter 1997-98), and Lincoln, Nebraska (winter 2010-11). Also of interest: "the Brown-headed Nuthatch is one of the few cooperatively-breeding birds native to North America, and one of the few for which tool use has been documented (individuals use chips of pine bark to pry off other bark chips while foraging)*"; Slater, G. L., J. D. Lloyd, J. H. Withgott, and K. G. Smith (2013). Brown-headed Nuthatch (Sitta pusilla), version 2.0. In* The Birds of North America *(A. F. Poole, Editor). Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY, USA. https://doi.org/10.2173/bna.349. – Editor*

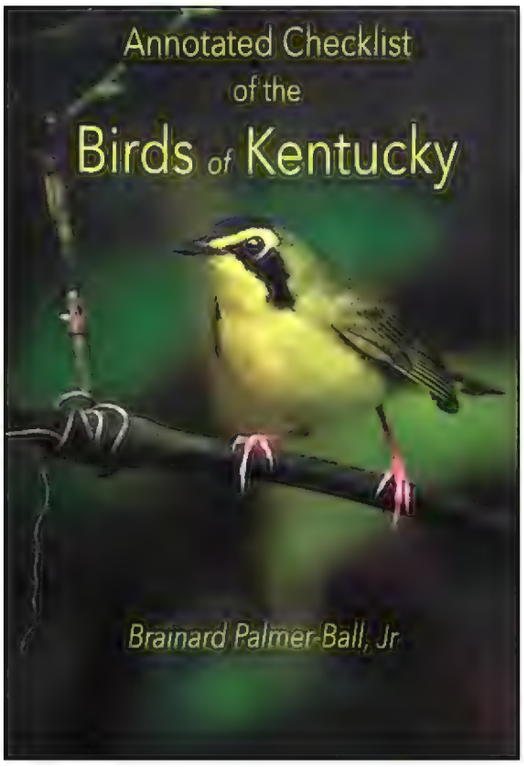
Blackpoll – *Fayette*, 12 May 2019, Tommy Quarles

Blue-winged Warbler – *Boone*, 28 April 2019, Gordon Bills

Cape May Warbler – *Jefferson*, 2 May 2019, Mary Yandell

NEWS AND VIEWS

Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Kentucky (3rd ed.) now available.



By Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.
(Kentucky Ornithological Society).
Paperback 276 pages. 1 August 2019.

"The 3rd edition of the *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Kentucky* updates the status and abundance of 390 species that have been documented to have occurred in Kentucky. The 3rd edition has been expanded to include more detailed lists of county distribution of many less common species. Included in species descriptions are brief summaries of status, distribution, seasonal occurrence, and abundance." – Kentucky Ornithological Society website.

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1. Little Gull – with a Bonaparte's Gull and two Franklin's Gulls, *Lyon*, 24 April 2019, Ben Yandell; **2. Wimbrel** – *Warren*, 15 May 2019, Pam Spaulding; **3. Eared Grebe** – *Russell,* 27 March 2019, Lyle Bontrager; **4. Merlin** – *Larue*, 31 March 2019, Jennifer Snyder; **5. Tricolored Heron** – *Henderson*, 13 April 2019, Jamie Baker.

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THE COVER

We thank Pam Spaulding for her photograph of the White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fusciollis*) at the Metropolitan Sewer District flood retention basin off the South Fork of Beargrass Creek, Jefferson County, 2 June 2019.

KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS) FALL MEETING
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
13-15 September 2019

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park is located near Kentucky Dam and the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, a 170,000-acre wooded peninsula bounded by Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. Temperatures for the weekend were hotter than usual, ranging from the mid-90's during the day to mid-80's at night.

Friday, 13 September

1:30 pm Trip leaders, Clay Bliznick, Pat and Jane Bell, along with Jeff Sole and Teresa Noel led groups around the Kentucky Lake area, Kentucky Lake Scenic drive, Kentucky Dam Village SRP-Airport Road, Sledd Creek Boat Ramp and Cypress Creek at Lakeview Church Road, identifying a variety of migrants as well as year-round resident birds.

6:00 pm Steve and Janet Kistler conducted registration for the meeting.

7:00 pm Jeff Sole, President, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Vice President James Wheat provided information and guidelines for a silent auction of books donated by Dr. Wayne Mason, Lee McNeely, and Ed and Mary Sprauge.

The evening's presentations began with Steve Kistler's bird quiz, a highly anticipated tradition at KOS meetings. He started with a photo of the tail of each mystery bird and then proceeded upward, before a full photo of the bird for final identification.

Teresa Noel described the Saturday morning and afternoon Field Trips available and introduced the leaders.

Jeff Sole then introduced member Tommy Quarles who presented photos of birds he saw at Camp Chiricahua, a Young Birders Camp in south Arizona, July 10-25, 2019. Tommy presented beautiful photos of notable birds he had identified each day. He stated he had 74 life birds from his trip.

James Wheat was the next presenter with information on how to use e-bird data to plan trips, as well as best practice on entering data, and the many capabilities of the e-bird system. Several members of the audience participated with ideas and feedback. Since James had the actual eBird apt on the screen, it was easy for folks to follow his directions on how to quickly and easily use the system to their advantage.

The meeting concluded at 8:30. A social time followed.

Saturday, 14 September

8:00 am Field Trips included:

(All day) Warbler morning in LBL with lake scanning – led by Brainard Palmer-Ball
(All day) Big Day – Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley area – led by Clay Bliznick
(Half day) Clarks River NWR- Environmental Education & Recreation Area – led by Josh Powell
(Half day) Kentucky Dam Village SRP lodge and surroundings – led by Steve and Janet Kistler
(Half day) Lake Barkley - Boyd's Landing Big Sit – led by Teresa Noel and Scott Marsh

1:00 pm Field Trips included:
(Half day) Wildflower walk – led by Steve & Janet Kistler
(Half day) Kentucky Dam Village SRP – Airport Rd, Sledd Creek Boat Ramp and English Road – led by Mike Callan
(Half day) Birding Photography – Kentucky Dam area – led by Rickey Shive

7:00 pm Evening Meeting

President Jeff Sole called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Vice President James Wheat tallied birds from the Friday and Saturday observations. A total of 131 species had been identified. James then requested that the audience complete a survey about the meeting. Jeff welcomed new members and noted that KOS promotes bird conservation, youth birding, and bird research projects. James closed the silent auction on the donated books. Steve Kistler, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report. Total assets of the club were $76,322. He stated the *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Kentucky* by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., was available for purchase.

Jeff acknowledged current Board members and introduced the proposed slate of incoming Board members and Councillors.
President: James Wheat
Vice President: Teresa Noel
Recording Secretary: Janet Kistler
Corresponding Secretary: Debby Tyson
Councillor 2019-2022: Ray Bontrager
Councillor 2017-2020: Rickey Shive

Jane Bell made a motion to approve the slate, Colleen Becker seconded the motion, and the members voted unanimous approval.

Brian Wulker was announced as the incoming Secretary of the Kentucky Birds Record Committee.

Teresa Noel updated the field trips for 8 am. Sunday to include Land Between the Lakes Scenic Drive with Clay Bliznick and Mahr Park Arboretum and Lake Peewee in Madisonville with Donna Sticklin.

Jeff introduced the featured speaker, Dr. Dwayne Estes, Executive Director for the Southeastern Grassland Initiative. Dr. Estes also serves as Professor of Biology, Director of the Herbarium, and Principal Investigator for the Center of Excellence for Field Biology at Austin Peay State University. Dr. Estes presented "The Southeastern Grassland Initiative" program, using colorful photos of grasslands, forests, and wildflowers. His emphasis is on the conservation and restoration of grasslands and maintaining their diversity. He presented extensive historical data about the grasslands of the Southeastern United States.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 pm. A social time followed.

– Linda Craiger, Recording Secretary

2019 Fall meeting attendance list:

Bonnie Avery.....Upton, KY
Sam Avery.....Upton, KY
Gage Barnes.....Murray, KY
Tom Becker.....Floyds Knobs, IN
Jane Bell..... Louisville, KY
Pat Bell..... Louisville, KY
Sarah Bell.....Herndon, KY
Joyce Bender..... Frankfort, KY
Chris Bidwell..... Louisville, KY
Mary Alice Bidwell..... Louisville, KY
Clay Bliznick .....Murray, KY
JoAnn Bochman..... Louisville, KY
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Colleen Craven-Becker....Floyds Knobs, IN
Roseanna Denton .....Science Hill, KY
Blaine Ferrell .....Bowling Green, KY
Joyce Fry..... Frankfort, KY
Lisa Gabbard..... Frankfort, KY
Rhonda Garland .....Bowling Green, KY
Steve Graham.....Greenville, KY
Teresa Graham .....Greenville, KY
EvaLee Kingsolver..... Nicholasville, KY
Wendell Kingsolver..... Nicholasville, KY
Janet Kistler ..... Munfordville, KY
Steve Kistler..... Munfordville, KY
David Lusk..... Louisville, KY
Terri Lusk..... Louisville, KY
Scott Marsh ..... Lexington, KY
Thana McGary ..... Mayfield, KY
Kelly J. McKay .....Illinois
Mike Miller .....Murray, KY
M. David Moss.....Glasgow, KY
Sandy Moss.....Glasgow, KY
Teresa Noel ..... Lexington, KY
Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr..... Louisville, KY
Josh Powell .....Benton, KY
Tommy Quarles..... Frankfort, KY
Kathy Sellars..... Dyersburg, TN
Ricky Shive..... Bowling Green, KY
Tammie Smith..... Calvert City, KY
Carol Sole..... Frankfort, KY
Jeff Sole..... Frankfort, KY
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Jeremy Teague..... Calvert City, KY
Sunil Thirkannad.....Prospect, KY
Sierra Todd.....Murray, KY
Charles Tremoulet..... Lexington, KY
Debby Tyson ..... Adairville, KY
Steve Tyson ..... Adairville, KY
James Wheat ..... Louisville, KY
Jim Williams ..... Lexington, KY
Susan Wilson..... Louisville, KY
Brian Wulker.....Cincinnati, OH
Mary W. Yandell ..... Louisville, KY

69 people attended the meeting.

Western Sandpiper – *Christian*, 16 July 2019, Clay Bliznick

Yellow-billed Cuckoo carrying food –*Montgomery*, 26 July 2019, Terri Lusk

Fall KOS Meeting Bird List

The following birds were reported:

Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Wild Turkey, Pied-billed Grebe, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Common Nighthawk, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Killdeer, Semipalmated Plover, Sanderling, Least Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper*, Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Common Tern, Forster's Tern, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Acadian Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, House Sparrow, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-breasted Chat*, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Ovenbird, Worm-eating Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler*, Black-and-white Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Canada Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting.
* Species added on Sunday, 15 September 2019.

The final tally for the weekend was 133 species.

THE SUMMER SEASON, JUNE - JULY 2019

Ben Yandell and Teresa Noel

The season's temperature was near average: warmer by 0.4°F (0.2°C). June was 0.8°F (0.5°C) cooler than average; July was 1.6°F (0.9°C) warmer than average. The season's precipitation was 40% above average. July was near normal, but June had almost double the typical rainfall. Bowling Green had its 9th wettest June ever, and Louisville had its 6th wettest June ever. The rainfall in and north of the state followed a wetter-than-average spring, and some areas in the far western counties stayed flooded into the summer. (Based on National Weather Service monthly averages in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Paducah, and Jackson compared to 1981-2010 averages and all-time records.)

Review species reported for the season were WHITE-WINGED DOVE, WHIMBREL, and the state's first GREAT SHEARWATER. Other noteworthy reports include American Avocet, White Ibis, along with Common Merganser, Brown-Headed Nuthatch and Bachman's Sparrow in known locations.

Publication of any unusual sightings in eBird or in this seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted for inclusion in the official list of Kentucky birds. Reports of rare and out-of-season birds should be accompanied by written and, whenever possible, photographic documentation for review by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC). Decisions regarding the official Kentucky list are made by the KBRC and are reported periodically in *The Kentucky Warbler*. The most recent KBRC decisions are reported later in this issue.

Details of many of the following reports were posted at the time on birdky and are available at eBird.org. Observer and photographer names are not always clear in eBird. The following summary may misidentify observers and roles.

The following highlights summarize locations, dates, and observer initials. Documentation method may be noted as follows: wr = written documentation, ph = photograph, vd = video recording, and aud = audio recording. Species order is based on AOS 2019. Comments about previous Kentucky bird records rely on the checklist by Palmer-Ball 2019.

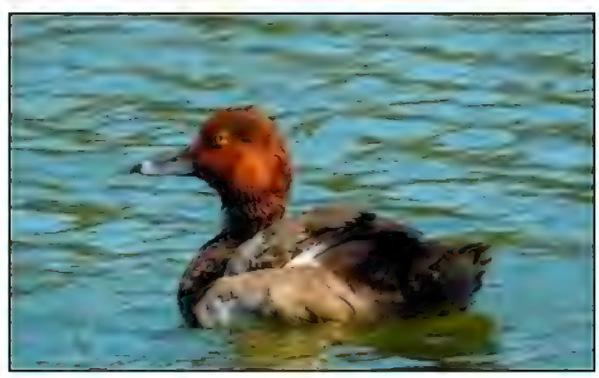
BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK – KBRC review required. 4 near Bayou de Chien, *Hickman*, 11 June (vd CBz).

Ross's Goose – 1 at Basil Griffin Park, *Warren,* 11 July (ph RcS).

Mute Swan – 1 in *Barren,* 9-23 June (ph RcS). 1 at Spindletop, 16-26 June (wr LsC, wr DSv, ph DbG, DLb, ph EzD). 2 adults and 3 young at the Sinclair Unit, Adkins Swamp, 12-25 June (wr ph HC, RD, ph TG). 1 at J Scott Farm, *Barren*, 9-23 June and 21 July (ph RcS).

Gadwall – 2 at Spindletop, 11-18 June (wr ph DL, ph DbG). 1, an injured bird, at Old Pumphouse Road, *Pulaski,* 18 June-25 July (RD).

Redhead – Extremely unusual for the date, 1 male at Sportsman Lake, *Larue,* 27 July (wr ph JnS).



Redhead – *Larue,* 27 July 2019, Jennifer Snyder

Common Merganser – 1-5 at Rockcastle River, *Jackson,*18 June and 15 July (wr DPi). This species has nested in the area. See Field Note, KW 94:118-121, 2018.

Ruddy Duck – 1 very late or summering at Morgan Pond, 20 June (ph JoH).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE – Previously accepted by KBRC. 1 continued in Lexington through the season (ElM).

Black-billed Cuckoo – 2 at Big Bone Lick SP, *Boone,* 20 July (MGo, DgK).

Virginia Rail – 1 at Sinclair Unit, Muck Lake, 13-27 July (TG, SG, DoS, BvC).

Sandhill Crane – 1 in *Carroll,* 25 June (ph DvL).

American Avocet – 3 at Horseshoe Road, 27 July (ph CC, ph BWu).

Black-bellied Plover – 1 at Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson,* 30 July (wr DS, ph TB).

Wimbrel – *Henderson*, 6 June 2019
Charlie Crawford

WHIMBREL – Accepted by KBRC. 1 at Horseshoe Road, 6 June (ph CC).

Stilt Sandpiper – 1-12 at Morgan Pond, 13-31 July (ph ShA, ph TG, wr DbH, m.o.b.). 3 at Horseshoe Road, 27 July (BWu). 2 at Camp #9 Coal Preparation Plant, *Union,* 27 July (ph BWu). 1 at Melco, 27-30 July (JBa, JW, CBz).

White-rumped Sandpiper – 6 at Horseshoe Road, 2 June (ph CC). 1 at South Beargrass Creek Retention Basin, *Jefferson,* 2 June (ph PS). 1-2 at Morgan Pond, 8-13 June (BPB, ph JoH ph m.o.b.).

Western Sandpiper – 1-2 at Morgan Pond, 16-20 July (JoH, ph vd CBz, ph BPB, m.o.b.).1 at Horseshoe Road, 27 July (ph BWu). 1 at Melco, 27 July (wr ph JBa).

Short-billed Dowitcher – 1-5 at Morgan Pond, 13-30 July (DbH). 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall,* 16 July (wr DnR, wr AnL, CBz). 3 at Upper Bottom Road, *Fulton,* 26 July (WDR). 1 at Horseshoe Road, 27 July (ph BWu). 1 at Former Camp #11 Mine, *Union,* 27 July (BWu).

Lesser Black-backed Gull – 1 at KY Lake Dam, *Marshall,* 17 July (wr ph JoP) was a first for mid-summer.

GREAT SHEARWATER – First state record. Accepted by KBRC. 1 at KY Dam, *Marshall,* 15 July (wr ph DnR, wr ph AnL). See Field Note, KW 95:85, 2019.

White Ibis – 2 juveniles at Morgan Pond, 13-31 July (ph ShA, wr, ph m.o.b). 1 at Rockcastle River, *Jackson,* 15 July (wr DPi).

Pine Siskin – *Logan*, 21 July 2019
Steve Tyson

Least Flycatcher – 21 with many singing and 1 confirmed nesting site at Big Black Mountain, *Harlan*, 11 June (au DCo).

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH – KBRC review not required at this location. 2-6 at London Ranger District Office, *Laurel,* 8-12 June (wr RB, DPr). See Field Note, KW 95:86-90, 2019.

White-throated Sparrow – *Lincoln*
8 June 2019, Jackie Elmore

Brown Creeper – 1 at Obion WMA, *Hickman,* 14 June (wr CBz).

Pine Siskin – Very unusual for July, 1 at Schochoh Rd, *Logan,* 21 July (wr ph ST).

Bachman's Sparrow – *Trigg,* 12 June 2019
Daniel Moss

BACHMAN'S SPARROW – KBRC review not required at this location. 3 at Fort Campbell, *Trigg,* 12 June (active nest with adult and 2 cowbird chicks wr ph DMs) and 2 there on 27 July (au BWu).

White-throated Sparrow – 1 singing male in *Pulaski,* 5 June (RB). 1 singing male present for several days in *Lincoln,* 8 June - 3 July (ph JkE). Still rare, but summer reports have become more common for this species.

Savannah Sparrow – 1-3 at Spindletop, 11-19 June (wr ph DL, DSv, LsC, DLb). 1 at Keeneland, *Fayette* 14 July (ph EzH) 1-3 near Chamberlain Lane, *Jefferson,* 2-8 July (ph PS, PB, wr, ph JW, wr StB, wr MgB, DvL).

Bobolink – Reported in 5 counties. Confirmed nesting and up to 22 at Camp Nelson, *Jessamine*, through 29 June (wr, ph m.o.b) and 1 heard on 11 July (RD). *Fayette* had 2 on Royster Road 1 June (DgR); 1-4 Spindletop, 11-19 June (wr DL, LsC, DSv, DLb), and 1 at Hisle Farm Park 13 July (CBz). 1-2 singing males e. of Georgetown, *Scott,* 1-10 June (BSt). 5 at Shadynook Pike, *Harrison,* 20 June (BWh, EvF). 4 at Herb Botts Nature Park, *Montgomery,* 26 July (ph DvL) were noteworthy both for the date and the location east of the usual central KY nesting range.

Lawrence's Warbler – *Mercer*, 28 June 2019
Ben Leffew

Golden-winged Warbler – There were 5 reports in *Harlan,* 4-12 June (LoT). **Lawrence's Warbler** – 1 after-hatch-year male was banded at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, *Mercer*, 28 June (wr KSk, ph BeL). "This was the first *Vermivora* hybrid captured at the station. Since the nearest known Golden-winged Warbler nesting site is at least 75 miles to the southeast, we assume it probably came from up north and was stopping by during migration." Lawrence's Warbler is the rarer, recessive Blue-winged Warbler x Golden-winged Warbler hybrid.

Bobolink – *Jessamine*, 1 June 2019
David Lang

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LOCATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (*Italics* indicate a county name.)

Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson*
Horseshoe Road, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*
KY = Kentucky
KY Dam = Kentucky Dam, *Livingston/Marshall*
LBL = Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, *Lyon/Trigg*
Lexington, *Fayette*
Louisville, *Jefferson*
McElroy Lake, s. *Warren*
Melco = Melco Flood Retention Basin, s. *Jefferson*
Morgan Pond = cluster of transient ponds, including Morgan Pond along Kentucky 117, s. *Christian*
NWR=National Wildlife Refuge
Sinclair Unit = Sinclair Unit, Peabody WMA, *Muhlenberg*
Sloughs = Sloughs WMA, *Henderson*
SP / SRP = State Park / State Resort Park
Spindletop = University of Kentucky Spindletop Research Farm, Lexington
WMA = Wildlife Management Area

Black-necked Stilt – *Christian,* 13 July 2019
Steve Graham

Lark Sparrow –*Trigg*, 17 June 2019, Daniel Moss

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Jane Bell (JB)
Pat Bell (PB)
Clay Bliznick (CBz)
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Ray Bontrager (RB)
Nancy Braun (NBr)
Meg Brown (MgB)
Steve Brown (StB)
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Common Nighthawk – *Graves,* 19 June 2019, Thana McGary

SUMMARY OF eBIRD REPORTS
JUNE 2019 - JULY 2019

Ben Yandell and Teresa Noel June-July reports available at eBird.org covered 118 of Kentucky's 120 counties (all but Cumberland and Martin Counties), totaled 189 species, 525 reporting observers, about 5200 reports, 72,500 lines of data, 2,000 unduplicated attached photographs or audio files, and 238,000 individual birds reported (counting repeats across dates, but eliminating duplicate counts by groups and entries with an "x" instead of a number). Observer and photographer names are not always clear in eBird, so the following summary may misidentify observers and roles.

This table summarizes eBird reports by species and month. Column headings are as follows:

species Common name. **ALL CAPS** if the species requires KBRC review. Species name in **bold**, if additional details provided in the seasonal report.
#cos. Number of counties with a report of the species. (Kentucky has 120 counties.)
peak Maximum count in a single report.
earliest Date of the first report of the season; blank if the species is usually present before the season begins.
latest Date of the last report of the season; blank if the species is usually present after the season ends.
[dates] Number of **reports** [not number of birds] that listed the species during the dates shown, counting grouped reports only once. Comparing across the dates may give a rough idea of arrival and departure patterns for species that migrate.
counties If species reported in five or fewer counties, lists the counties with a report. Counties listed from most to fewest number of reports.

Example of how to interpret the table

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Semipalmated Plover	3	6			7			14	Christian, Jefferson, Henderson

Semipalmated Plover was reported from 3 counties. The last column lists those counties. The highest count of birds in a single report was 6. The earliest and latest dates are not useful and are not shown. More useful are the number of reports by date range: The species lingered into early June, was not reported during the next two periods, and begin to be reported again in the last part of July.

eBird summary table: June - July 2019

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Ross's Goose	1	1	11 July				1		Warren
Canada Goose	70	411			175	122	110	169	
Mute Swan	3	5			2	6		1	Fayette, Barren, Muhlenberg
Wood Duck	46	41			69	55	56	70	
Blue-winged Teal	4	45			15	8	9	13	Christian, Hardin, Hart, Logan
Gadwall	2	2	11 June	25 July	1	2		1	Fayette, Pulaski
Mallard	47	162			138	109	87	128	
Redhead	1	1	27 July					1	Larue
Ring-necked Duck	2	1	8 June	27 July	1			1	Jefferson, Union
Lesser Scaup	1	1		3 June	1				Trigg
Hooded Merganser	5	30		7 July	11	2	5		Hend, Jeff, Frnk, Muhl, Union
Common Merganser	1	5	18 June	15 July		1	1		Jackson
Ruddy Duck	1	1		20 June		1			Christian
Northern Bobwhite	46	12			69	52	45	26	
Ruffed Grouse	2	1			1			1	Harlan, McCreary
Wild Turkey	52	16			60	55	48	55	
Pied-billed Grebe	4	6			8	4	3	1	Christian, Warren, Allen, Hend
Rock Pigeon	58	80			66	78	70	72	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	19	4			12	12	15	16	
WHITE-WINGED DOVE	1	1		5 June	1				Fayette
Mourning Dove	105	100			587	512	453	517	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	85	13			184	159	149	158	
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	2	20 July					1	Boone
Common Nighthawk	23	9			14	14	18	14	
Chuck-Will's-Widow	9	3			5	5	1	1	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	13	3			7	9	3	2	
Chimney Swift	86	37			189	174	197	165	

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	82	21			201	202	218	318	
Virginia Rail	1	1	13 July	27 July			1	1	Muhlenberg
American Coot	5	2		4 July	4	3	2		Chrstn, Jeff, John, Marsh, Scott
Sandhill Crane	1	1		25 June		1			Carroll
Black-necked Stilt	2	27			6	6	11	13	Christian, Fulton
American Avocet	1	3	27 July					1	Henderson
Black-bellied Plover	1	1	30 July					2	Jefferson
Killdeer	78	200			179	158	154	169	
Semipalmated Plover	3	6			7			14	Christian, Jefferson, Henderson
WHIMBREL	1	1	6 June	6 June	1				Henderson
Stilt Sandpiper	4	12	13 July				2	11	Christian, Jeff, Hendrsn, Union
Least Sandpiper	9	100	11 July				5	35	
White-rumped Sandpiper	3	6	2 June	13 June	5				Christian, Henderson, Jefferson
Pectoral Sandpiper	9	100	6 July				6	29	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8	16			8			18	
Western Sandpiper	3	2	16 July	27 July				6	Christian, Henderson, Jefferson
Short-billed Dowitcher	5	5	13 July	30 July			1	10	Chrs,Fultn,Hend,Marsh,Union
Spotted Sandpiper	19	11	11 June		2	2	5	45	
Solitary Sandpiper	14	12	11 July				2	35	
Lesser Yellowlegs	8	20			4		3	23	
Greater Yellowlegs	3	5			4		2	9	Christian, Henderson, Pulaski
Laughing Gull	1	1	16 July					1	Marshall
Ring-billed Gull	4	375	12 July	22 July			5	5	Marshall, Jeff, Lyon, Trigg
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	1	17 July					1	Marshall
Least Tern	5	7	14 June	26 July	1	3	3	4	Hend,Fult,Davs,Hick,McCrkn
Caspian Tern	7	6	2 June	31 July	3			5	
Black Tern	2	4	4 June	30 July	2			5	Christian, Union

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Common Tern	2	1		7 June	2				Lincoln, Rowan
Common Loon	6	3			12	5	11	7	
GREAT SHEARWATER	1	1	15 July				1		Marshall
Double-crested Cormorant	32	1850			43	24	36	62	
American White Pelican	2	18			6			1	Trigg, Lyon
Least Bittern	1	4			3	1	2	1	Muhlenberg
Great Blue Heron	87	51			228	169	179	197	
Great Egret	32	225			59	46	67	101	
Snowy Egret	3	6			3	2	8	1	Trigg, Christian, Larue
Little Blue Heron	5	49			2	1	4	11	Trigg, Chrs, Barren, Allen, Fult
Cattle Egret	5	697			5	4	5	6	Trigg, Jeff, Calwy, Mrsh, Chrs
Green Heron	64	23			79	51	69	55	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	10	61			25	11	22	23	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	4	9			6	3		1	Jeff, Fulton, Hick, McCrkn
White Ibis	2	2	13 July	31 July			4	12	Christian, Jackson
Black Vulture	73	65			163	136	117	152	
Turkey Vulture	109	35			378	311	277	342	
Osprey	26	23			29	18	30	37	
Northern Harrier	2	2	13 July	21 July			3	3	Logan, Jefferson
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	1				1	2		Franklin, Menifee, Wolfe
Cooper's Hawk	41	2			28	47	32	34	
Bald Eagle	29	17			37	25	16	26	
Mississippi Kite	10	15			16	20	21	29	
Red-shouldered Hawk	55	5			92	90	68	64	
Broad-winged Hawk	32	3			17	13	11	8	
Red-tailed Hawk	79	6			133	117	106	106	
Barn Owl	1	1				1			Hart

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Eastern Screech-Owl	15	6			4	10	15	17	
Great Horned Owl	11	4			14	14	10	8	
Barred Owl	28	8			26	17	15	20	
Belted Kingfisher	65	11			52	54	49	74	
Red-headed Woodpecker	57	8			59	56	43	46	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	93	13			345	282	214	234	
Downy Woodpecker	89	11			267	257	250	250	
Hairy Woodpecker	43	3			51	41	53	34	
Northern Flicker	74	6			107	76	88	74	
Pileated Woodpecker	71	7			122	87	75	79	
American Kestrel	58	7			51	52	56	52	
Peregrine Falcon	8	3			5	3	13	5	
Great Crested Flycatcher	72	9			160	115	103	75	
Eastern Kingbird	90	25			245	205	190	203	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	96	13			245	223	189	171	
Acadian Flycatcher	59	48			96	68	53	47	
Willow Flycatcher	22	4			28	8	9	14	
Least Flycatcher	1	21			2	3			Harlan
Eastern Phoebe	87	9			204	177	147	130	
Loggerhead Shrike	5	4			4	3	3		Mercr, Chrs, Fult, Logan, Metc
White-eyed Vireo	81	23			133	101	79	79	
Bell's Vireo	5	12			9	2	10	4	Hend,Muhl,Warr,Logan,Union
Yellow-throated Vireo	56	8			58	58	34	36	
Blue-headed Vireo	9	12			11	9	7	3	
Warbling Vireo	42	9			69	49	25	18	
Red-eyed Vireo	85	47			210	194	119	82	
Blue Jay	103	17			469	378	341	333	

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
American Crow	105	46			394	361	285	340	
Fish Crow	9	11			10	7	10	8	
Common Raven	2	3			2	4		1	Harlan, Letcher
Horned Lark	8	15			20	17	13	13	
Bank Swallow	12	3000			7	3	8	22	
Tree Swallow	68	300			193	156	118	77	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	70	110			128	87	51	52	
Purple Martin	75	600			129	122	142	153	
Barn Swallow	102	250			356	326	271	298	
Cliff Swallow	53	250			42	27	31	54	
Carolina Chickadee	98	25			332	321	281	315	
Tufted Titmouse	99	31			353	313	282	290	
White-breasted Nuthatch	82	7			186	187	172	194	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1	6			2				Laurel
Brown Creeper	1	1		14 June	1				Hickman
House Wren	61	10			115	123	117	122	
Sedge Wren	1	1	27 July					1	Union
Carolina Wren	105	33			394	384	344	391	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	86	36			166	144	149	141	
Eastern Bluebird	98	21			268	237	219	232	
Veery	1	15		30 June	2	3			Harlan
Wood Thrush	81	22			135	136	93	82	
American Robin	107	200			651	586	489	467	
Gray Catbird	69	10			99	99	106	93	
Brown Thrasher	86	9			225	178	128	112	
Northern Mockingbird	97	20			304	272	231	266	
European Starling	101	471			439	367	280	283	

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Cedar Waxwing	67	25			116	111	64	57	
House Sparrow	80	38			198	186	158	152	
House Finch	65	25			259	258	249	248	
Pine Siskin	1	1	21 July					1	Logan
American Goldfinch	98	49			350	346	365	410	
Bachman's Sparrow	1	3	12 June	27 July	1			1	Trigg
Grasshopper Sparrow	23	22			19	14	24	5	
Lark Sparrow	3	2		6 July	1	1	1		Calloway, Henderson, Trigg
Chipping Sparrow	96	30			245	243	168	189	
Field Sparrow	88	30			183	182	147	119	
Dark-eyed Junco	2	9		30 June	3	5			Harlan, Letcher
White-throated Sparrow	2	1		3 July	6	8	1		Lincoln, Pulaski
Henslow's Sparrow	7	7			2	2	7	1	
Savannah Sparrow	2	3	11 June	14 July	1	2	9		Jefferson, Fayette
Song Sparrow	91	24			359	360	276	274	
Eastern Towhee	93	15			228	208	192	169	
Yellow-breasted Chat	73	37			123	98	105	48	
Bobolink	5	22			13	4	2	1	Jess, Fayt, Scott, Harr, Mntgm
Eastern Meadowlark	78	42			192	153	117	81	
Orchard Oriole	64	10			109	72	55	26	
Baltimore Oriole	48	12			108	52	41	25	
Red-winged Blackbird	93	300			465	379	316	265	
Brown-headed Cowbird	79	250			305	248	180	117	
Common Grackle	88	150			451	358	268	213	
Ovenbird	30	15			41	27	9	3	
Worm-eating Warbler	20	8			27	15	14	7	
Louisiana Waterthrush	50	15			44	32	27	17	

Species	#cos.	peak	earliest	latest	1-15 June	16-30 June	1-15 July	16-31 July	Counties
Golden-winged Warbler	1	3		12 June	5				Harlan
Blue-winged Warbler	13	3			17	5	6	5	
Black-and-white Warbler	29	7			29	16	23	19	
Prothonotary Warbler	42	39			74	36	31	24	
Swainson's Warbler	12	9			17	9	7	7	
Kentucky Warbler	46	14			56	44	27	17	
Common Yellowthroat	92	33			206	179	165	126	
Hooded Warbler	31	24			55	40	31	20	
American Redstart	25	11			25	8	7	7	
Cerulean Warbler	14	9			23	15	9	1	
Northern Parula	73	33			120	100	75	36	
Blackburnian Warbler	1	5		30 June	3	3			Harlan
Yellow Warbler	31	10			26	16	10	16	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	16		29 June	3	3			Harlan
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2	14		30 June	3	2			Harlan, Letcher
Pine Warbler	25	6			20	23	7	4	
Yellow-throated Warbler	54	11			54	57	43	27	
Prairie Warbler	58	15			65	70	45	24	
Black-throated Green Warbler	10	20			14	6	8	4	
Canada Warbler	1	2	6 June	17 June	1	1			Harlan
Summer Tanager	85	12			152	149	116	93	
Scarlet Tanager	52	12			60	52	42	30	
Northern Cardinal	112	62			692	610	538	592	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	4		15 July	2	1	1		Harlan, Madison
Blue Grosbeak	59	8			87	85	77	77	
Indigo Bunting	109	90			426	418	337	353	
Dickcissel	39	49			67	59	70	38	

19TH REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Ben Yandell, KBRC Secretary

The Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC) is a standing committee of the Kentucky Ornithological Society (KOS). KBRC maintains the official list of bird species documented as having occurred in the state. The committee reviews bird observations and takes formal votes to determine whether the available documentation substantiates the natural occurrence of the species within state boundaries.

To be accepted into Kentucky's records, bird observations require review by the KBRC, if the reported species is either rare in the state or reported at a very unusual place or time of year. Species that require review ("Review List") are highlighted in the list at the end of this report. The Kentucky State List of Birds, a rare bird report form, and KBRC Bylaws are available on the KOS website at www.birdky.org.

At the end of September 2019, Brian Wulker became the KBRC Secretary and Ronan O'Carra became a member of KBRC.

RECENT KBRC ACTIVITY

This report covers committee actions from December 2018 through September 2019. The previous KBRC report was published one year ago (Yandell 2018). The principal effects of KBRC actions since the previous report are as follows:

1. Three species were documented for the first time in the state and are added to the state list: Great Shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*), Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*), and Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*).
2. The Kentucky State List of Birds is now at 390 species, including 7 extinct and extirpated species. The Review List comprises 103 species. The Hypothetical List comprises 9 species.

The summary below comprises 59 approved records and one old report that was not accepted due to lack of documentation. About a dozen reports are pending committee action.

Committee members participating in these actions were as follows (* indicates current voting member): Jamie Baker*, Roseanna Denton*, David Lang, Mark Monroe*, Brian Wulker*, and Ben Yandell (Secretary). KBRC also relies on occasional outside advisors to inform its votes.

We thank the many birders who supplied the reports and photographs that make the committee's work possible. We continue to encourage observers to submit detailed written documentation of rare bird encounters.

Each report listed below is displayed in the following sequence: **Common Name (# documented, if >1),** *Scientific Name*. Location, *County,* Date(s) reported; Observer(s) and documentation method, where wr = written documentation, ph = photograph, vd = video recording, and au = audio recording [KBRC report #, SPECIES CODE, and status or reason for review]. Species nomenclature and order follow the American Ornithologists' Union (1998) and subsequent supplements through the 60th (AOS 2019).

ACCEPTED REPORTS

Note: Approval means that KBRC considered the available documentation conclusive, either unanimously upon blind first review or by positive vote of all or all but one voting member upon discussion and re-review. Some of these observations are several years old and may pertain to species that no longer require KBRC review.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (14), *Dendrocygna autumnalis.* Near New Concord, LBL area, *Calloway,* spring - 29 Oct 2018; JmL, MkL, ph PHs [#2018.047 BBWD 4]

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis.* Near New Concord, LBL area, *Calloway,* 28 May 2019; ph HC, ME [#2019.019 BBWD 4]

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (5), *Dendrocygna autumnalis.* Jacobson Park, *Fayette,* 4 May 2019; ChV, BaV, KRk, ph ROC, m.ob. [#2019.011 BBWD 4]

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (7), *Dendrocygna autumnalis.* Hawesville, *Hancock,* 10 May 2019; ph TLu [#2019.016 BBWD 4]

Trumpeter Swan (3), *Cygnus buccinator.* Helm Road and vicinity, *Fulton,* 20 Dec 2018 - 25 Feb 2019; wr ph BY; m.ob. [#2018.043 TRUS 5]

Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis.* Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson,* 22 Nov 1997; BPB [#1997.204 EAGR 3]

Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis.* Lake Peewee, *Hopkins*, 25 Nov 1998; BPB [#1998.203 EAGR 3]

Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis.* Camp #11, *Union,* 1 Sep 2001; BPB [#2001.201 EAGR 3]

Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis., Taylor,* 21 Dec 2001; BPB [#2001.204 EAGR 3]

Eared Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis.* McElroy Lake, *Warren,* 28 Apr 1994; BPB [#1994.201 EAGR 3]

Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis.* Green River Lake, *Taylor,* 2-4 Dec 1995; BPB [#1995.203 WEGR 4]

Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis., Marshall,* 6 Feb 2000; BPB [#2000.201 WEGR 4]

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica.* Murray, *Calloway,* 8-9 Apr 2019; wr ME [#2019.007 WWDO 4]

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica.* Briensburg, *Marshall,* 2-3 May 2019; ph TBR [#2019.010 WWDO 4]

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica.* Lexington, *Fayette,* 4-22 May, with scattered reports as late as mid-August 2019; ElM, wr ph AM, vd CBz, m.ob. [#2019.013 WWDO 4]

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica.* w. of Pond River, *Hopkins,* 12 May 2019; wr ph BvC [#2019.015 WWDO 4]

King Rail, *Rallus elegans.* Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson,* 20 Oct 2018; BPB, wr JBa, wr CBz, m.ob. [#2018.049 KIRA 4]

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus.* McElroy Lake, *Warren,* 15 May 2019; ph PSp, wr ph RcS, vt ph CBz, m.ob. [#2019.017 WHIM 4]

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus.* Horseshoe Road, *Henderson,* 6 Jun 2019; ph CC [#2019.020 WHIM 4]

Sabine's Gull, *Xema sabini.* Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell,* 11 Sep 2018; wr ph RB [#2018.035 SAGU 4]

Little Gull, *Hydrocoloeus minutus.* above Barkley Dam, *Livingston/Lyon,* 20-26 Apr 2019; wr ph CBz, wr ph BPB, wr ph BY, m.ob. [#2019.008 LIGU 5]

Mew Gull, *Larus canus.* KY Dam, *Marshall,* 24 Nov 2018; wr JW ph CBz [#2018.041 MEGU 5]

California Gull, *Larus californicus.* WastePath/Clean Earth Facility, *Marshall,* 8 Feb - 1 Mar 2019; ph CBz, EHo, wr ph DL, BPB, m.ob. [#2019.003 CAGU 4]

Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus.* Calvert City and KY Dam, *Marshall,* 5-8 May 1994; BPB, m.ob. [#1994.202 GBBG 3]

Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus.* Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson,* 2 May 1995; BPB [#1995.201 GBBG 3]

Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus.* Ky Dam, *Marshall*, 26 Jan 1997; BPB [#1997.201 GBBG 3]

Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellata.* Kentucky Lake viewed from Sledd Creek subdivision, *Marshall,* 24 Nov 1995; BPB, wr JoD [#1995.202 RTLO 3]

Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellata., Taylor,* 21 Dec 2001; BPB, ph DR [#2001.203 RTLO 3]

Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellata.* Lake Peewee, *Hopkins*, 25 Jan 2002; BPB [#2002.201 RTLO 3]

Pacific Loon, *Gavia pacifica.* Lake Cumberland above Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell,* 17 Nov 2018; wr ph RB, LyB [#2018.037 PALO 4]

Pacific Loon, *Gavia pacifica.* Lake Peewee, *Hopkins,* 22-26 Nov 2018; wr RbR ph JB, vd ph CBz, m.ob. [#2018.039 PALO 4]

Pacific Loon, *Gavia pacifica.* Ky Dam, *Marshall*, 6 May 1999; BPB [#1999.201 PALO 4]

Pacific Loon, *Gavia pacifica. Marshall,* 15 Nov 2000; BPB [#2000.202 PALO 4]

Great Shearwater, *Ardenna gravis.* **First state record.** Kentucky Dam, *Marshall,* 15 Jul 2019; wr ph DnR, wr ph AnL [#2019.022 GRSH 5]

Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus.* Devil's Elbow, Lake Barkley, LBL, *Trigg,* 24 May 2019; wr HC [#2019.018 NECO 5]

Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis.* Ky Dam, *Marshall,* 20-21 Nov 1998; wr ph BPB, DR [#1998.202 BRPE 5]

Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis.* Green Turtle Bay, Lake Barkley, *Livingston,* 5-8 Jan 2019; vd CBz, ph TQ, m.ob. [#2019.001 BRPE 5]

Tricolored Heron, *Egretta tricolor.* Lake No. 9, *Fulton,* 1 Sep 1997; BPB [#1997.203 TRHE 4]

Tricolored Heron (1-2), *Egretta tricolor.* Lake No. 9, *Fulton,* 10-29 Aug/7 Sep 1998; BPB, DR [#1998.201 TRHE 4]

Tricolored Heron, *Egretta tricolor.* Sand Slough, *Henderson,* 13 Apr 2019; wr ph JW, ph MiC, wr ph JBa, MM, m.ob. [#2019.062 TRHE 4]

White Ibis (3), *Eudocimus albus.* Lake No. 9, *Fulton,* 30 Aug 1997; BPB, m.ob. [#1997.202 WHIB 3]

Snowy Owl, *Bubo scandiacus.* Cincinnati/Northern KY Airport, *Boone,* 6 Mar 2018; ph ThC, m.ob. [#2018.008 SNOW 4]

Prairie Falcon, *Falco mexicanus.* Long Point Unit, *Fulton,* 16 Dec 1997; BPB, DR [#1997.205 PRFA 4]

Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya.* Bradshaw Road, *Barren,* 18-22 Dec 2018; ph LyB, wr ph DL, RD, m.ob. [#2018.042 SAPH 4]

Cave Swallow, *Petrochelidon fulva.* **First state record.** McElroy Lake, *Warren,* 4-5 May 2019; wr BPB, ph LMc, ph JBa, wr DSv, ph JBa, m.ob. [#2019.012 CASW 5]

Black-capped Chickadee, *Poecile atricapillus., Lawrence,* 6 Feb 2002; BPB [#2002.202 BCCH 4]

Rock Wren, *Salpinctes obsoletus.* Sauerheber Unit, Sloughs WMA, *Henderson,* 23 Oct 2018; ph CC [#2018.050 ROWR 5]

Evening Grosbeak, *Coccothraustes vespertinus.* Surrey Hills Farm, *Jefferson,* 23 Dec 2018; ph BPB [#2018.051 EVGR 5]

Evening Grosbeak (2), *Coccothraustes vespertinus.* Science Hill, *Pulaski,* 30 Jan 2019; ph RD [#2019.002 EVGR 5]

Evening Grosbeak (2), *Coccothraustes vespertinus.* Residence, *Franklin,* 16-18 Feb 2019; ph KMF [#2019.004 EVGR 5]

Evening Grosbeak (3), *Coccothraustes vespertinus.* Near Cynthiana, *Harrison,* 12-15 Mar 2019; ph EvF, ph NBr, ph Jba, wr ph DL, m.ob. [#2019.005 EVGR 5]

Brewer's Sparrow, *Spizella breweri.* **First state record.** South Beargrass Creek Retention Basin, Louisville, *Jefferson,* 30 Apr 2019; ph PSp [#2019.014 BRSP 5]

Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula.* Schochoh, *Logan,* 18 Nov 2018 - 30 Apr 2019; vd ph ST, DT, m.ob. [#2018.038 HASP 4]

Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus.* Mt. Carmel Church Road, Bernheim Forest, *Nelson,* 23 Dec 1995; BPB, JkE, DPa [#1995.204 SPTO 4]

Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus. McCracken,* 24 Jan 2004; ph BPB, m.ob. [#2004.201 SPTO 4]

Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus. Union,* 19/27 Oct 2001; BPB [#2001.202 YHBL 4]

Yellow-headed Blackbird, *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus.* Shaker Village, *Mercer,* 3 Jun 2004; wr DnW, DnP [#2004.202 YHBL 4]

Ovenbird, *Seiurus aurocapilla.* Hayes Kennedy Park, *Jefferson,* 23 Nov 2018; wr ph JHd [#2018.040 OVEN date]

Painted Bunting, *Passerina ciris.* Mayfair, Louisville, *Jefferson,* 1 May 2019; DMe [#2019.009 PABU 4]

REPORT NOT ACCEPTED

Western Grebe, *Aechmophorus occidentalis.* Falls of the Ohio, *Jefferson,* 18 Dec 1981 [#1981.201 WEGR 4]. No documentation available.

CORRECTION

The 16th KBRC report (KW 92:87, 2016) had an incorrect date range. The corrected entry is as follows: **Prairie Falcon,** *Falco mexicanus.* Frostburg Road, *Hopkins,* 3 Dec 2014; TGr, SG, MY (ph), m. ob. [#2014.033 PRFA 4]

Mississippi Kite – *Fayette*, 14 July 2019, Eric Nally

KENTUCKY STATE LIST OF BIRDS
Kentucky Bird Records Committee, Kentucky Ornithological Society

Format: Common name (species code, KY status, USA [American Birding Association] status). Species requiring review in KY are shown in **BOLD CAPS**. Status codes indicate difficulty in finding the bird in a typical year (1=easy, 5=difficult; *6=extirpated or extinct*). Species order based on AOS 2019. Species code based on IBP 2019. USA status based on ABA 2019.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (BBWD 4 1)
FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (FUWD 5 1)
Snow Goose (SNGO 1 1)
Ross's Goose (ROGO 2 1)
Greater White-fronted Goose (GWFG 1 1)
BRANT (BRAN 5 1)
Cackling Goose (CACG 2 1)
Canada Goose (CANG 1 1)
Mute Swan (MUSW 1 1)
TRUMPETER SWAN (TRUS 5 1)
Tundra Swan (TUSW 2 1)
Wood Duck (WODU 1 1)
Blue-winged Teal (BWTE 1 1)
CINNAMON TEAL (CITE 4 1)
Northern Shoveler (NSHO 1 1)
Gadwall (GADW 1 1)
EURASIAN WIGEON (EUWI 5 2)
American Wigeon (AMWI 1 1)
Mallard (MALL 1 1)
American Black Duck (ABDU 1 1)
MOTTLED DUCK (MODU 5 1)
Northern Pintail (NOPI 1 1)
Green-winged Teal (GWTE 1 1)
Canvasback (CANV 1 1)
Redhead (REDH 1 1)
Ring-necked Duck (RNDU 1 1)
TUFTED DUCK (TUDU 5 3)
Greater Scaup (GRSC 1 1)
Lesser Scaup (LESC 1 1)
KING EIDER (KIEI 5 2)
HARLEQUIN DUCK (HADU 5 1)
Surf Scoter (SUSC 2 1)
White-winged Scoter (WWSC 3 1)
Black Scoter (BLSC 3 1)
Long-tailed Duck (LTDU 3 1)
Bufflehead (BUFF 1 1)
Common Goldeneye (COGO 1 1)
Hooded Merganser (HOME 1 1)
Common Merganser (COME 2 1)
Red-breasted Merganser (RBME 1 1)
Ruddy Duck (RUDU 1 1)
Northern Bobwhite (NOBO 1 1)
Ruffed Grouse (RUGR 2 1)
Greater Prairie-Chicken (GRPC 6 2)
Wild Turkey (WITU 1 1)

Pied-billed Grebe (PBGR 1 1)
Horned Grebe (HOGR 1 1)
Red-necked Grebe (RNGR 3 1)
Eared Grebe (EAGR 3 1)
WESTERN GREBE (WEGR 4 1)
Rock Pigeon (ROPI 1 1)
BAND-TAILED PIGEON (BTPI 5 1)
Eurasian Collared-Dove (EUCD 1 1)
Passenger Pigeon (PAPI 6 6)
INCA DOVE (INDO 5 1)
COMMON GROUND DOVE (CGDO 5 1)
WHITE-WINGED DOVE (WWDO 4 1)
Mourning Dove (MODO 1 1)
GROOVE-BILLED ANI (GBAN 5 2)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (YBCU 1 1)
Black-billed Cuckoo (BBCU 2 1)
Common Nighthawk (CONI 1 1)
Chuck-Will's-Widow (CWWI 1 1)
Eastern Whip-poor-will (EWPW 1 1)
Chimney Swift (CHSW 1 1)
MEXICAN VIOLETEAR (MEVI 5 3)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (RTHU 1 1)
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD (BCHU 5 1)
Rufous Hummingbird (RUHU 3 1)
YELLOW RAIL (YERA 4 2)
KING RAIL (KIRA 4 1)
Virginia Rail (VIRA 2 1)
Sora (SORA 2 1)
PURPLE GALLINULE (PUGA 4 1)
Common Gallinule (COGA 3 1)
American Coot (AMCO 1 1)
Sandhill Crane (SACR 1 1)
Whooping Crane (WHCR 6 2)
Black-necked Stilt (BNST 2 1)
American Avocet (AMAV 3 1)
Black-bellied Plover (BBPL 1 1)
American Golden-Plover (AMGP 1 1)
Killdeer (KILL 1 1)
Semipalmated Plover (SEPL 1 1)
Piping Plover (PIPL 3 2)
Upland Sandpiper (UPSA 3 1)
WHIMBREL (WHIM 4 1)
HUDSONIAN GODWIT (HUGO 4 1)
Marbled Godwit (MAGO 3 1)
Ruddy Turnstone (RUTU 2 1)
RED KNOT (REKN 5 1)
RUFF (RUFF 4 3)
Stilt Sandpiper (STSA 1 1)
CURLEW SANDPIPER (CUSA 5 3)
RED-NECKED STINT (RNST 5 3)
Sanderling (SAND 2 1)
Dunlin (DUNL 1 1)
Baird's Sandpiper (BASA 2 1)
LITTLE STINT (LIST 5 4)
Least Sandpiper (LESA 1 1)
White-rumped Sandpiper (WRSA 1 1)
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (BBSA 2 1)
Pectoral Sandpiper (PESA 1 1)
Semipalmated Sandpiper (SESA 1 1)
Western Sandpiper (WESA 1 1)
Short-billed Dowitcher (SBDO 1 1)
Long-billed Dowitcher (LBDO 1 1)
American Woodcock (AMWO 1 1)
Wilson's Snipe (WISN 1 1)
Spotted Sandpiper (SPSA 1 1)
Solitary Sandpiper (SOSA 1 1)
Lesser Yellowlegs (LEYE 1 1)
Willet (WILL 2 1)
Greater Yellowlegs (GRYE 1 1)
Wilson's Phalarope (WIPH 2 1)
Red-necked Phalarope (RNPH 3 1)
RED PHALAROPE (REPH 4 1)
POMARINE JAEGER (POJA 5 1)
PARASITIC JAEGER (PAJA 5 1)
LONG-TAILED JAEGER (LTJA 5 1)
LONG-BILLED MURRELET (LBMU 5 3)
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (BLKI 4 1)
SABINE'S GULL (SAGU 4 1)
Bonaparte's Gull (BOGU 1 1)
BLACK-HEADED GULL (BHGU 5 2)
LITTLE GULL (LIGU 5 2)
Laughing Gull (LAGU 2 1)
Franklin's Gull (FRGU 2 1)
MEW GULL (MEGU 5 1)
Ring-billed Gull (RBGU 1 1)
CALIFORNIA GULL (CAGU 4 1)
Herring Gull (HERG 1 1)
Iceland Gull (ICGU 2 1)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (LBBG 2 2)
Glaucous Gull (GLGU 3 1)
Great Black-backed Gull (GBBG 3 1)
SOOTY TERN (SOTE 5 2)
Least Tern (LETE 2 1)
GULL-BILLED TERN (GBTE 5 1)
Caspian Tern (CATE 1 1)
Black Tern (BLTE 2 1)
Common Tern (COTE 2 1)
Forster's Tern (FOTE 1 1)
SANDWICH TERN (SATE 5 1)
BLACK SKIMMER (BLSK 5 1)
Red-throated Loon (RTLO 3 1)
PACIFIC LOON (PALO 4 1)
Common Loon (COLO 1 1)
YELLOW-BILLED LOON (YBLO 5 2)
BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL (BSTP 5 2)
BLACK-CAPPED PETREL (BCPE 5 2)
GREAT SHEARWATER (GRSH 5 1)

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER (AUSH 5 1)
WOOD STORK (WOST 4 1)
MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (MAFR 5 1)
NORTHERN GANNET (NOGA 5 1)
NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (NECO 5 1)
Double-crested Cormorant (DCCO 1 1)
ANHINGA (ANHI 4 1)
American White Pelican (AWPE 1 1)
BROWN PELICAN (BRPE 5 1)
American Bittern (AMBI 2 1)
Least Bittern (LEBI 2 1)
Great Blue Heron (GBHE 1 1)
Great Egret (GREG 1 1)
Snowy Egret (SNEG 1 1)
Little Blue Heron (LBHE 1 1)
TRICOLORED HERON (TRHE 4 1)
REDDISH EGRET (REEG 5 1)
Cattle Egret (CAEG 1 1)
Green Heron (GRHE 1 1)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (BCNH 1 1)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (YCNH 2 1)
White Ibis (WHIB 3 1)
GLOSSY IBIS (GLIB 4 1)
WHITE-FACED IBIS (WFIB 4 1)
ROSEATE SPOONBILL (ROSP 4 1)
Black Vulture (BLVU 1 1)
Turkey Vulture (TUVU 1 1)
Osprey (OSPR 1 1)
WHITE-TAILED KITE (WTKI 5 1)
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (STKI 4 1)
Golden Eagle (GOEA 2 1)
Northern Harrier (NOHA 1 1)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (SSHA 1 1)
Cooper's Hawk (COHA 1 1)
NORTHERN GOSHAWK (NOGO 5 1)
Bald Eagle (BAEA 1 1)
Mississippi Kite (MIKI 1 1)
Red-shouldered Hawk (RSHA 1 1)
Broad-winged Hawk (BWHA 1 1)
SWAINSON'S HAWK (SWHA 5 1)
Red-tailed Hawk (RTHA 1 1)
Rough-legged Hawk (RLHA 2 1)
FERRUGINOUS HAWK (FEHA 5 1)
Barn Owl (BANO 2 1)
Eastern Screech-Owl (EASO 1 1)
Great Horned Owl (GHOW 1 1)
SNOWY OWL (SNOW 4 2)
Barred Owl (BADO 1 1)
Long-eared Owl (LEOW 2 2)
Short-eared Owl (SEOW 2 1)
Northern Saw-whet Owl (NSWO 2 2)
Belted Kingfisher (BEKI 1 1)
Red-headed Woodpecker (RHWO 1 1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (RBWO 1 1)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (YBSA 1 1)
Downy Woodpecker (DOWO 1 1)
Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCWO 6 2)
Hairy Woodpecker (HAWO 1 1)
Northern Flicker (NOFL 1 1)
Pileated Woodpecker (PIWO 1 1)
Ivory-billed Woodpecker (IBWO 6 6)
American Kestrel (AMKE 1 1)
Merlin (MERL 2 1)
Peregrine Falcon (PEFA 1 1)
PRAIRIE FALCON (PRFA 4 1)
Carolina Parakeet (CAPA 6 6)
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER (ATFL 5 1)
Great Crested Flycatcher (GCFL 1 1)
WESTERN KINGBIRD (WEKI 4 1)
Eastern Kingbird (EAKI 1 1)
GRAY KINGBIRD (GRAK 5 2)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (STFL 3 1)
Olive-sided Flycatcher (OSFL 2 1)
Eastern Wood-Pewee (EAWP 1 1)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (YBFL 2 1)
Acadian Flycatcher (ACFL 1 1)
Alder Flycatcher (ALFL 2 1)
Willow Flycatcher (WIFL 1 1)
Least Flycatcher (LEFL 1 1)
Eastern Phoebe (EAPH 1 1)
SAY'S PHOEBE (SAPH 4 1)
VERMILION FLYCATCHER (VEFL 5 1)
Loggerhead Shrike (LOSH 1 1)
NORTHERN SHRIKE (NSHR 4 1)
White-eyed Vireo (WEVI 1 1)
Bell's Vireo (BEVI 2 1)
Yellow-throated Vireo (YTVI 1 1)
Blue-headed Vireo (BHVI 1 1)
Philadelphia Vireo (PHVI 1 1)
Warbling Vireo (WAVI 1 1)
Red-eyed Vireo (REVI 1 1)
Blue Jay (BLJA 1 1)
American Crow (AMCR 1 1)
Fish Crow (FICR 1 1)
Common Raven (CORA 2 1)
Horned Lark (HOLA 1 1)
Bank Swallow (BANS 1 1)
Tree Swallow (TRES 1 1)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (NRWS 1 1)
Purple Martin (PUMA 1 1)
Barn Swallow (BARS 1 1)
Cliff Swallow (CLSW 1 1)
CAVE SWALLOW (CASW 5 1)
Carolina Chickadee (CACH 1 1)
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE (BCCH 4 1)
Tufted Titmouse (TUTI 1 1)
Red-breasted Nuthatch (RBNU 2 1)
White-breasted Nuthatch (WBNU 1 1)

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH (BHNU 4a 1)
Brown Creeper (BRCR 1 1)
ROCK WREN (ROWR 5 1)
House Wren (HOWR 1 1)
Winter Wren (WIWR 2 1)
Sedge Wren (SEWR 2 1)
Marsh Wren (MAWR 2 1)
Carolina Wren (CARW 1 1)
BEWICK'S WREN (BEWR 4 1)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (BGGN 1 1)
Golden-crowned Kinglet (GCKI 1 1)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (RCKI 1 1)
Eastern Bluebird (EABL 1 1)
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD (MOBL 5 1)
Veery (VEER 1 1)
Gray-cheeked Thrush (GCTH 1 1)
Swainson's Thrush (SWTH 1 1)
Hermit Thrush (HETH 1 1)
Wood Thrush (WOTH 1 1)
American Robin (AMRO 1 1)
VARIED THRUSH (VATH 5 1)
Gray Catbird (GRCA 1 1)
Brown Thrasher (BRTH 1 1)
Northern Mockingbird (NOMO 1 1)
European Starling (EUST 1 1)
Cedar Waxwing (CEDW 1 1)
House Sparrow (HOSP 1 1)
EURASIAN TREE SPARROW (ETSP 5 2)
American Pipit (AMPI 1 1)
EVENING GROSBEAK (EVGR 5 1)
House Finch (HOFI 1 1)
Purple Finch (PUFI 2 1)
COMMON REDPOLL (CORE 5 1)
RED CROSSBILL (RECR 4 1)
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (WWCR 4 2)
Pine Siskin (PISI 2 1)
LESSER GOLDFINCH (LEGO 5 1)
American Goldfinch (AMGO 1 1)
Lapland Longspur (LALO 2 1)
SMITH'S LONGSPUR (SMLO 5 2)
Snow Bunting (SNBU 2 1)
BACHMAN'S SPARROW (BACS 4b 1)
Grasshopper Sparrow (GRSP 2 1)
Lark Sparrow (LASP 2 1)
LARK BUNTING (LARB 5 1)
Chipping Sparrow (CHSP 1 1)
Clay-colored Sparrow (CCSP 3 1)
Field Sparrow (FISP 1 1)
BREWER'S SPARROW (BRSP 5 1)
Fox Sparrow (FOSP 1 1)
American Tree Sparrow (ATSP 1 1)
Dark-eyed Junco (DEJU 1 1)
White-crowned Sparrow (WCSP 1 1)
HARRIS'S SPARROW (HASP 4 1)
White-throated Sparrow (WTSP 1 1)
SAGEBRUSH SPARROW (SABS 5 1)
Vesper Sparrow (VESP 1 1)
LeConte's Sparrow (LCSP 2 1)
NELSON'S SPARROW (NESP 4c 1)
Henslow's Sparrow (HESP 2 2)
Savannah Sparrow (SAVS 1 1)
Song Sparrow (SOSP 1 1)
Lincoln's Sparrow (LISP 1 1)
Swamp Sparrow (SWSP 1 1)
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE (GTTO 5 1)
SPOTTED TOWHEE (SPTO 4 1)
Eastern Towhee (EATO 1 1)
Yellow-breasted Chat (YBCH 1 1)
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (YHBL 4 1)
Bobolink (BOBO 1 1)
Eastern Meadowlark (EAME 1 1)
Western Meadowlark (WEME 3 1)
Orchard Oriole (OROR 1 1)
HOODED ORIOLE (HOOR 5 1)
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE (BUOR 5 1)
Baltimore Oriole (BAOR 1 1)
SCOTT'S ORIOLE (SCOR 5 1)
Red-winged Blackbird (RWBL 1 1)
Brown-headed Cowbird (BHCO 1 1)
Rusty Blackbird (RUBL 1 1)
Brewer's Blackbird (BRBL 2 1)
Common Grackle (COGR 1 1)
Ovenbird (OVEN 1 1)
Worm-eating Warbler (WEWA 1 1)
Louisiana Waterthrush (LOWA 1 1)
Northern Waterthrush (NOWA 1 1)
Bachman's Warbler (BAWA 6 6)
Golden-winged Warbler (GWWA 2 2)
Blue-winged Warbler (BWWA 1 1)
Black-and-white Warbler (BAWW 1 1)
Prothonotary Warbler (PROW 1 1)
Swainson's Warbler (SWWA 2 2)
Tennessee Warbler (TEWA 1 1)
Orange-crowned Warbler (OCWA 1 1)
Nashville Warbler (NAWA 1 1)
Connecticut Warbler (CONW 2 2)
Mourning Warbler (MOWA 2 1)
Kentucky Warbler (KEWA 1 1)
Common Yellowthroat (COYE 1 1)
Hooded Warbler (HOWA 1 1)
American Redstart (AMRE 1 1)
Cape May Warbler (CMWA 1 1)
Cerulean Warbler (CERW 2 2)
Northern Parula (NOPA 1 1)
Magnolia Warbler (MAWA 1 1)
Bay-breasted Warbler (BBWA 1 1)
Blackburnian Warbler (BLBW 1 1)
Yellow Warbler (YEWA 1 1)

Chestnut-sided Warbler (CSWA 1 1)
Blackpoll Warbler (BLPW 1 1)
Black-throated Blue Warbler (BTBW 2 1)
Palm Warbler (PAWA 1 1)
Pine Warbler (PIWA 1 1)
Yellow-rumped Warbler (YRWA 1 1)
Yellow-throated Warbler (YTWA 1 1)
Prairie Warbler (PRAW 1 1)
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER (BTYW 5 1)
Black-throated Green Warbler (BTNW 1 1)
Canada Warbler (CAWA 1 1)
Wilson's Warbler (WIWA 1 1)
Summer Tanager (SUTA 1 1)
Scarlet Tanager (SCTA 1 1)
WESTERN TANAGER (WETA 5 1)
Northern Cardinal (NOCA 1 1)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (RBGR 1 1)
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK (BHGR 5 1)
Blue Grosbeak (BLGR 1 1)
Indigo Bunting (INBU 1 1)
PAINTED BUNTING (PABU 4 1)
Dickcissel (DICK 1 1)

a: BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH if outside known LBL or London areas
b: BACHMAN'S SPARROW if outside Fort Campbell
c: NELSON'S SPARROW if outside fall migratory period

HYPOTHETICAL LIST
Barnacle Goose (BARG hyp. 4)
Barrow's Goldeneye (BAGO hyp. 1)
Black Rail (BLRA hyp. 2)
Long-billed Curlew (LBCU hyp. 1)
Purple Sandpiper (PUSA hyp. 1)
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (FTFL hyp. 3)
Sprague's Pipit (SPPI hyp. 2)
Pine Grosbeak (PIGR hyp. 1)
Kirtland's Warbler (KIWA hyp. 2)

Stilt Sandpiper (left) and Western Sandpiper (right) – *Jefferson,* 27 July 2019, Jamie Baker

Great Shearwater – *Marshall,* 15 July 2019, (*left*) Andrew Lydeard; (*right*) Daniel Redwine

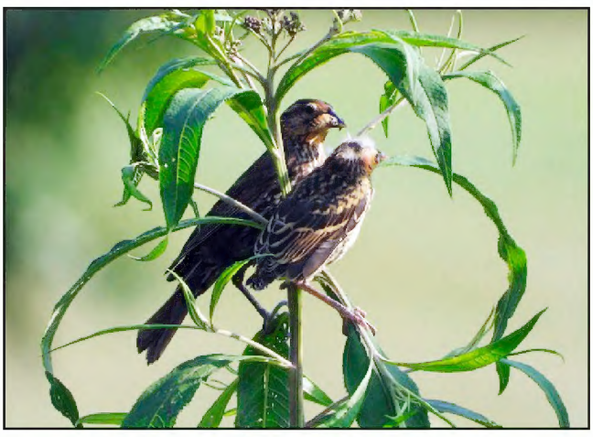
Red-tailed Hawk – *Metcalfe,* 28 July 2019, Rickey Shive

Barn Swallow – *Jefferson,* 23 July 2019
Mel Senac

Laughing Gull – *Marshall,* 16 July 2019
Clay Bliznick

Yellow-breasted Chat – *Jefferson,* 1 June 2019, Eric Nally

Song Sparrow –*Jefferson*, 15 July 2019, Angela Kenny



Red-winged Blackbird –*Jefferson*,
21 July 2019, Sunil Thirkannad

Chipping Sparrow –*Jefferson*, 30 July 2019
Lee A. Payne, Jr.

Prothonotary Warbler – *Warren,* 24 July 2019, Rickey Shive

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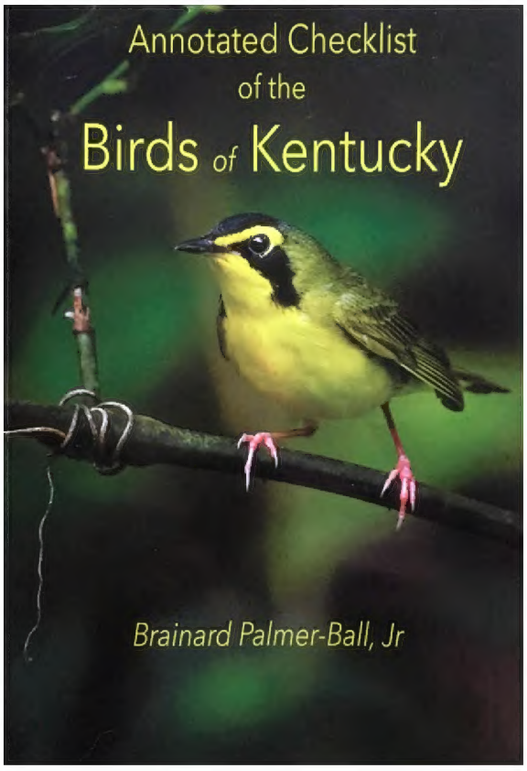

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1. White Ibis – *Christian*, 14 July 2019, Jamie Baker; **2. Mallard** – *Jefferson*, 27 July 2019, Sunil Thirkannad; **3. Sandhill Crane** – *Carroll*, 25 June 2019, Terri Lusk; **4. Indigo Bunting** – *Logan*, 21 July 2019, Steve Tyson; **5. Savannah Sparrow** – *Jefferson*, 2 July 2019, Pam Spaulding; **6. Mute Swans with young** – *Muhlenberg*, 12 June 2019, Hap Chambers